

Title: Waste Enforcement Update  
Lead Officer: Zoë Court  
Portfolio Holder: Councillor Moira-Ann Grainger  
Wards of the District directly affected: All

### **Background**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee have requested an update following the last update on 6 December 2022. At that meeting, an update was given on the impact to Contract Services following the end of planned arrangements to share waste enforcement duties with Stratford District Council, as part of the merger.

Rugby Borough Council (RBC) were approached to re-establish the previous Service Level Agreement (SLA) with them providing support to waste enforcement activities, including issuing fines. Unfortunately, they have now confirmed that due to internal organisational changes, they can not take on this work.

### **Update**

The Contract Services Manager and Head of Neighbourhood & Assets have agreed in view of the news from RBC to create a new Waste Education & Enforcement Officer. This post will initially be for up to 2 years to cover an Area Contract Officer vacancy created by a secondment. The Contract Operations and Enforcement Officer will directly manage this post holder and they will approach Rugby Borough Council will be to see if they can provide any shadowing opportunities for this post with their experienced officers.

Warwick University have agreed to contribute to the salary of this post for the 2 years as they recognise that some of their university students living in Leamington Spa town centre do create an issue with incorrect storage and presentation of waste.

The job description for this new post will go to the Hay Job Evaluation Panel in March, recruitment will start in April. It is hoped that the successful candidate will have a waste enforcement background and experience. Budget is available for external training should it be required.

This postholder will focus on a range of engagement and education activities aimed at reducing the need to take enforcement action for environmental crimes (such as flytipping and littering). There are many examples available of successful campaigns aimed at reducing Flytipping ran by other local authorities, some in partnership with Keep Britain Tidy.

The work of this post will be monitored during the two years by the Contract Operations & Enforcement Officer so a more holistic long-term view can be taken as to whether to keep waste enforcement 'in house' or to outsource to a private contractor.

Since the last update there are now three full time Area Contract Officers in the team monitoring the four Public Realm Contracts (Waste, Street Cleansing, Grounds Maintenance and Corporate Building Cleaning) this includes dealing with reports of

litter, flytipping, waste accumulations, abandoned vehicles. Having an officer who can deal with the waste enforcement will reduce the pressure on this team enabling them to focus on monitoring the major public realm contracts, to improve performance, ensure value for money and improve public perception.

Reported flytipping incidences have increased slightly over the last few months (see Appendix 1). However, the overall weight of flytips has reduced (see Appendix 2). Unfortunately, the system used by North Warwickshire to produce 'heat maps' of flytipping across the district is not a one that our Council uses. Work is underway to see if a 'heatmap' can be produced manually from the current data and reports we receive.

A meeting is due to take place between Contract Services and CCTV to discuss further use of redeployable CCTV with ANPR Automated Numberplate Recognition) functionality (to track vehicle ownership) as used successfully by many local authorities to deter and catch fly-tippers.

The new post holder will also analyse the flytipping data monthly to look for any trends, so that work can be planned accordingly.

### Recommendations

An update is provided to Overview & Scrutiny in six months' time to review the progress of the various activities outlined above.

### Briefing Note Information Sheet

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<b>Consultee *Required</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Details of consultation /comments received</b>
<b>Ward Member(s)</b>		
<b>Portfolio Holder</b>	22/2/23	Cllr Grainger
<b>Financial Services *</b>		
<b>Legal Services *</b>		
<b>Other Services</b>		
<b>Chief Executive(s)</b>	21/2/23	Andrew Jones
<b>Head of Service(s)</b>	21/2/23	Steve Partner
<b>Section 151 Officer</b>		
<b>Monitoring Officer</b>		

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