



Title of Report:	Private Contractor Litter Enforcement Statistics (WISE)
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	14th September 2021
For Decision or For Information	For Information

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Climate Change and our environment
Outcome	Increase capacity of Litter enforcement service to improve deterrent rates and reduce amount of litter across the Borough
Lead Officer	Head of Health & Built Environment

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	N/A
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	N/A
Code	21451
Staffing Costs	NIL

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 **Purpose of Report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members as to the introduction of the private contractors first 4 weeks operations.

2.0 **Background (to include any previous decisions of Council)**

2.1 Further to report item ES210810 Item 22, members will be aware that this service commenced 2nd August 2021.

2.2. Statistical information for the period 2nd to 31st August 2021 of operation are provided in Tables 1 to 3 below.

Table 1. Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's) Issued by Offence type

OFFENCE TYPE		
Offence Type	Offence Type Count	Percentage
Dog Fouling-Dog Fouling	<u>9</u>	<u>1.2</u>
Littering-Bottle	<u>8</u>	<u>1.07</u>
Littering-Bottle Top	<u>1</u>	<u>0.13</u>
Littering-Chewing Gum	<u>2</u>	<u>0.27</u>
Littering-Cigarette Butt	<u>487</u>	<u>65.02</u>
Littering-Confectionary Packs	<u>5</u>	<u>0.67</u>
Littering-Discarded Food	<u>9</u>	<u>1.2</u>
Littering-Fast Food Related	<u>7</u>	<u>0.93</u>
Littering-Food Wrapper	<u>6</u>	<u>0.8</u>
Littering-Non-Alcoholic Drinks Related	<u>5</u>	<u>0.67</u>
Littering-Other Litter	<u>32</u>	<u>4.27</u>
Littering-Packaging	<u>13</u>	<u>1.74</u>
Littering-Printed Literature	<u>7</u>	<u>0.93</u>
Littering-Rolled up cigarette	<u>119</u>	<u>15.89</u>
Littering-Scratch Card	<u>8</u>	<u>1.07</u>
Littering-Snack Packs	<u>12</u>	<u>1.6</u>
Littering-Soft Drink Bottle	<u>6</u>	<u>0.8</u>
Littering-Soft Drink Can	<u>8</u>	<u>1.07</u>
Littering-Sweet Wrapper	<u>5</u>	<u>0.67</u>
Total:	749	

Table 2. FPN's issued by Town

ISSUED BY TOWN		
Town	Town Count	Percentage
Ballarena	<u>1</u>	<u>0.13%</u>
Ballintoy	<u>1</u>	<u>0.13%</u>
Ballycastle	<u>12</u>	<u>1.60%</u>
Ballymoney	<u>103</u>	<u>13.75%</u>
Bushmills	<u>3</u>	<u>0.40%</u>
Castlerock	<u>4</u>	<u>0.53%</u>
Coleraine	<u>461</u>	<u>61.55%</u>
Cushendall	<u>1</u>	<u>0.13%</u>
Downhill	<u>2</u>	<u>0.27%</u>
Limavady	<u>18</u>	<u>2.40%</u>
Portballintrae	<u>2</u>	<u>0.27%</u>
Portrush	<u>124</u>	<u>16.56%</u>
Portstewart	<u>16</u>	<u>2.14%</u>
Rasharkin	<u>1</u>	<u>0.13%</u>
Total:	749	

Table 3. FPN's issued by gender and age profile

GENDER		
Gender	Gender Count	Percentage
Female	<u>314</u>	<u>41.92%</u>
Male	<u>435</u>	<u>58.08%</u>
Total:	749	
Age Binding	Age Binding Count	Percentage
15 and under	<u>1</u>	<u>0.13%</u>
17	<u>4</u>	<u>0.53%</u>
18	<u>5</u>	<u>0.67%</u>
19	<u>11</u>	<u>1.47%</u>
20 - 29	<u>116</u>	<u>15.49%</u>
30 - 39	<u>161</u>	<u>21.50%</u>
40 - 49	<u>128</u>	<u>17.09%</u>
50 - 59	<u>161</u>	<u>21.50%</u>
60 - 69	<u>87</u>	<u>11.62%</u>
70 - 79	<u>45</u>	<u>6.01%</u>
Not known	<u>30</u>	<u>4.01%</u>
Total:	749	

Please note that a number of FPN's were cancelled to those under 18.

- 2.4 Officers continue to be deployed across the Borough, 7 days per week to detect offences with the aim of reducing the amount of litter across the Borough.
- 2.5 It is the intention to provide regular performance updates on a quarterly basis. Members are reminded that should they wish to accompany any of the officers on patrol to observe first-hand how they engage with the public, that may be arranged.
- 2.6 All those that have been given a FPN have the right of representation directly to the company to challenge the issue. Details are provided on the FPN and on the Councils website.
<https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/live/health-and-built-environment/environment-health-and-well-being/environmental-health/litter-enforcement>
- 2.7 For those who do not have internet access an address for written representations can be provided.
- 2.8 Council officers will continue to work with WISE officers targeting litter hotspots and promoting anti-litter initiatives such as the Butt Ballot boxes, use of litter bins, distribution of cigarette butt pouches and the Green Dog Walker scheme.

3.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Environmental Service Committee recommends to Council to note the above.