

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Private Contractor Litter Enforcement Statistics (WISE)</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>Environmental Services Committee</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> December 2021</b>
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	<b>For Information</b>

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)</b>	
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

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

<b>Screening Requirements</b>	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 months 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 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021.

2.2. Statistical information for the period 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 to 30<sup>st</sup> November 2021 of operation are provided in Tables below

Table 1. No of Fixed Penalties per Month

Month	Offence Type Count
August	<u>748</u>
September	<u>507</u>
October	<u>235</u>
November	<u>157</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>1647</u></b>

Table 2. Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's) Issued by Offence type (Aug/Sept/Oct/Nov)

OFFENCE TYPE		
Offence Type	Offence Type Count	Percentage
Dog Fouling-Dog Fouling	<u>25</u>	<u>1.52</u>
Littering-Alcoholic Drinks	<u>7</u>	<u>0.43</u>
Littering-Bottle	<u>55</u>	<u>3.34</u>
Littering-Bottle Top	<u>6</u>	<u>0.36</u>
Littering-Chewing Gum	<u>29</u>	<u>1.76</u>
Littering-Cigarette Butt	<u>893</u>	<u>54.22</u>
Littering-Confectionary Packs	<u>33</u>	<u>2</u>
Littering-Discarded Food	<u>23</u>	<u>1.4</u>
Littering-Fast Food Related	<u>32</u>	<u>1.94</u>
Littering-Food Wrapper	<u>20</u>	<u>1.21</u>
Littering-Non-Alcoholic Drinks Related	<u>11</u>	<u>0.67</u>
Littering-Other Litter	<u>98</u>	<u>5.95</u>
Littering-Packaging	<u>28</u>	<u>1.7</u>
Littering-Printed Literature	<u>17</u>	<u>1.03</u>
Littering-Rolled up cigarette	<u>220</u>	<u>13.36</u>
Littering-Scratch Card	<u>31</u>	<u>1.88</u>
Littering-Snack Packs	<u>38</u>	<u>2.31</u>
Littering-Soft Drink Bottle	<u>25</u>	<u>1.52</u>
Littering-Soft Drink Can	<u>31</u>	<u>1.88</u>
Littering-Sweet Wrapper	<u>25</u>	<u>1.52</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1647</b>	

2.3 Litter Composition Report 2019/20 compiled by Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful produced the graphic below which highlights the categories of littered items and the amount of litter that could be on our streets at any one time.

**OUTLINE OF LITTER ON NORTHERN IRELAND STREETS**

These figures are extrapolated to show how much litter is potentially on our streets at any one time.

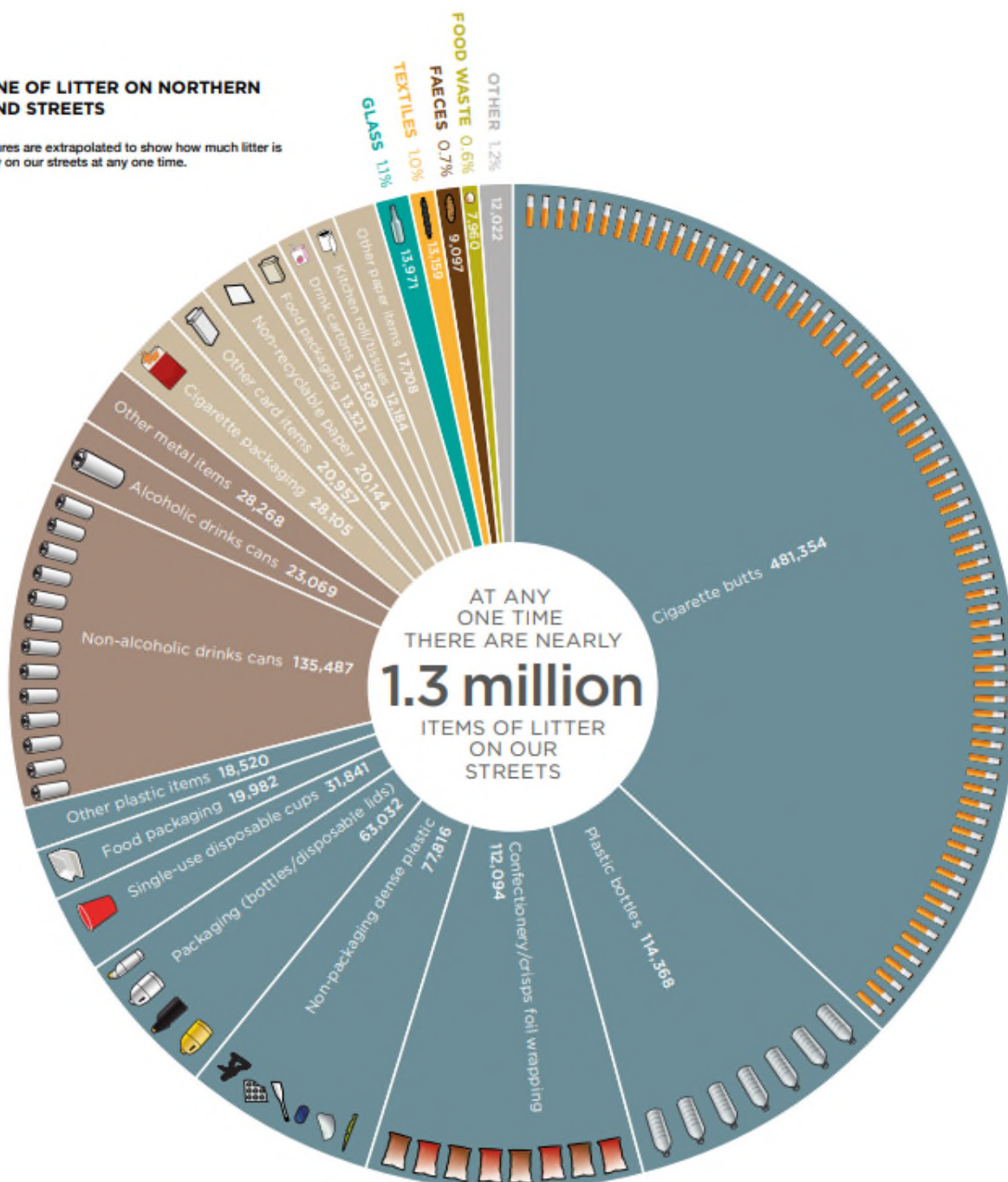


Table 2. Fixed Penalty Notices issued by town/area (Aug/Sept/Oct/Nov)

Issued by town		
Town	Town Count	Percentage
Ballarena	<u>1</u>	<u>0.06%</u>
Ballintoy	<u>2</u>	<u>0.12%</u>
Ballycastle	<u>17</u>	<u>1.03%</u>
Ballymoney	<u>190</u>	<u>11.54%</u>
Bushmills	<u>4</u>	<u>0.24%</u>
Castlerock	<u>6</u>	<u>0.36%</u>
Coleraine	<u>1089</u>	<u>66.12%</u>
Cushendall	<u>1</u>	<u>0.06%</u>
Downhill	<u>2</u>	<u>0.12%</u>
Dunloy	<u>1</u>	<u>0.06%</u>
Garvagh	<u>4</u>	<u>0.24%</u>
Kilrea	<u>1</u>	<u>0.06%</u>
Limavady	<u>148</u>	<u>8.99%</u>
Portballintrae	<u>2</u>	<u>0.12%</u>
Portrush	<u>151</u>	<u>9.17%</u>
Portstewart	<u>27</u>	<u>1.64%</u>
Rasharkin	<u>1</u>	<u>0.06%</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1647</b>	

2.3 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.

- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 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>
- 2.6 For those who do not have internet access an address for written representations can be provided.
- 2.7 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, and the Green Dog Walker scheme.

### **3.0 Recommendation**

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