



Portfolio Holder Decisions

Environmental Enforcement Pilot Extension

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Portfolio Holder Report

The portfolio holder will make a decision on this item on or after 5 August 2019

Report of:	Portfolio Holder	Date of publication
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Environmental Enforcement Pilot Extension

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To seek Portfolio Holder approval from Members to extend the pilot agreement with the specialist enforcement provider for a further 6 month period.

2. Outcomes

- 2.1 To enable the delivery of cost effective, quality services.
- 2.2 To improve the health and wellbeing of our communities.
- 2.3 To promote a cleaner and greener Wyre.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the Resources Portfolio Holder approves the extension to the environmental enforcement trial with District Enforcement ('District') for a further term of six months.
- 3.2 That the agreement is dealt with under the exemptions to Contract Procedures contained within the Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules on the grounds that the services constitute an extension or variation of an existing contract.

4. Background

- 4.1 The Cabinet report of 5 September 2018 agreed to enter into a 12 month pilot arrangement with District Enforcement to address environmental crime issues such as dog fouling, littering and other dog control measures under the Public Space Protection Orders.

- 4.2** The council continue to deliver campaigns to inform, educate and enforce environmental crime through prevention, intervention and enforcement measures. Despite our pro-active approach and working with community / voluntary groups, housing associations and businesses, there are continued challenges to delivering a cleaner borough.
- 4.3** Cleansing priorities and resident concerns remain high, particularly around dog fouling and littering (including chewing gum) and these cannot be adequately addressed within current resources. Providing clean streets and dealing with irresponsible dog ownership continue to rank high in the Life in Wyre survey priorities.
- 4.4** The introduction of a specialist partner (District) to concentrate on environmental patrols to deter and enforce was deemed necessary as education and presentation alone were not changing behaviours.

5. Key issues and proposals

- 5.1** The pilot initially agreed was for a period of 12 months (to end November 2019) and a Members' briefing session is scheduled to be held prior to full Council on the 14 November to provide an update on the pilot and assist in explaining key practices of the patrolling officers and monitoring by supervisors and council officers.
- 5.2** In order to be able to fully evaluate the current arrangement, the impact on the borough's cleanliness and assist in determining possible options for the future it would be beneficial to extend the agreement to enable any recommendations that may arise from Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be considered prior to any future service provision being determined. The pilot is currently within the Overview and Scrutiny work plan this Autumn.
- 5.3** The key outcomes of the first six months have been reported to Members in the Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder Executive reports at Full Council (4 April 2019 and 11 July 2019).

6. Delegated functions

- 6.1** The matters referred to in this report are considered under the following executive function delegated to the Resources Portfolio Holder (as set out in Part 3 Financial Procedures Rules of the council's constitution):
"To consider departures from Rules relating to financial and contractual matters if appropriate."

Financial and legal implications	
Finance	The District pilot continues to be cost neutral (with the exception of officer time) to the council, with any revenue received invested back into supporting the cleanliness of the borough through frontline or engagement initiatives. In 2018/19 £11,973.75 was generated in Fixed Penalty Notice income.
Legal	The award of the contract complies with the exemptions contained in the Council's contract procedures contained within the Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules.

Other risks/implications: checklist

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with a x.

risks/implications	✓ / x
community safety	✓
equality and diversity	x
sustainability	x
health and safety	x

risks/implications	✓ / x
asset management	x
climate change	x
ICT	x
data protection	x

Processing Personal Data

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List of background papers:		
name of document	date	where available for inspection
None		

List of appendices

None

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