

## Environmental Enforcement: Policy Review Recommendations 2015/16

Ref	Recommendation	Action	Owner	Due Date	Progress Commentary
(a)	<p>That the Council undertake a review of its existing environmental enforcement policy for Place Management.</p> <p>The review will involve full consultation with members and other interested parties.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A working group to be established with Members, relevant officers and partners as required, consulting on the priorities and the processes required from the new enforcement procedure.</li> </ul>	Nicky Rowland (Area Response Manager)	Oct 2016	Report to be presented to November Committee recommending proposed Policy and procedural changes for environmental enforcement based upon discussions to date, for consideration by Members. The requirement for a working group can be determined following the receipt of draft document.
(b)	That the Council should seek to focus its resources on areas of greatest impact with regard to environmental enforcement action.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To agree the environmental crimes of greatest environmental concern with Council Members, officers and Partners</li> <li>- To develop and manage a process that focuses on the areas of most significant environmental crime and subject to continuously review according to available data.</li> </ul>	Nicky Rowland (Area Response Manager)	December 2016	Subject to agreement on amended Policy and implementation of any procedural changes, mechanisms for determining local and Citywide priority to be agreed with Members.
(c)	<p>Publicise our enforcement success in the local media to ensure that residents are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• aware importance attached to a clean and well maintained local environment;</li> <li>• understand the consequences of breaking the rules.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To establish guidelines and parameters for the publicising of enforcement action.</li> <li>- To establish a suitable contact within the Communications Department to actively seek promotional opportunities and awareness campaigns.</li> <li>- To create links with the local media and agree mechanisms for the provision of regular media</li> </ul>	Nicky Rowland (Area Response Manager)	December 2016	The Policy on publicity of cases will be included within wider Policy review.

		worthy stories and updates where appropriate to do so.			
<b>(d)</b>	That the Council continues to monitor new developments and pilots in relation to litter enforcement and dog fouling.	To create better working links with Organisations and Government Departments such as Keep Britain Tidy, Defra etc. To ensure that best practice is shared across all Local Authority areas and new initiatives are considered locally where appropriate or relevant to Sunderland.	Nicky Rowland (Area Response Manager)	December 2016	Action pending outcome of wider review.
<b>(e)</b>	That the Council looks to establish a procedure in relation to the approach taken to illegally tethered horses.	To look at best practice in terms of the procedures followed by other local authorities by other local authorities in relation to illegally tethered horses  That the draft procedure be subject to consultation with interested parties	David Gustard (Senior Surveyor)	April 2017	No update reported
<b>(f)</b>	That the Council work with other local authorities in the region and other agencies such as Police, RSPCA and Gentoo in order to make the most of available resources.	That initial meetings be held with representatives of the police, RSPCA and Gentoo to consider the scope for joint working.	David Gustard (Senior Surveyor)	April 2017	No update reported