

Report Title:	District Enforcement Update
Contains Confidential or Exempt Information?	No - Part I
Lead Member:	Councillor Cannon, Lead Member for Public Protection and Parking
Meeting and Date:	Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 15 February 2021
Responsible Officer(s):	Hilary Hall – Director Adults, Health and Commissioning Simon Dale – Interim Head of Highways
Wards affected:	All

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REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides Members with an outline of a presentation that will be made by RBWM officers and District Enforcement colleagues at the meeting on 15 February regarding current performance and plans for the remainder of the year's pilot arrangement which commenced in October 2020. The presentation will demonstrate the work done in the Royal Borough by District Enforcement to date, particularly in ensuring cleaner streets and ensuring businesses have appropriate waste duty of care arrangements in place. It will also reflect on the learning by District Enforcement from complaints and adverse publicity that often occurs when alleged offenders have their actions brought to their attention. Finally, it will explain how District Enforcement intend to broaden their focus by investigating and pursuing larger scale fly tipping. The presentation slides will be shared with committee members ahead of the meeting to allow time to prepare questions and raise points.

1. DETAILS OF RECOMMENDATION(S)

RECOMMENDATION: That Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the presentation content and ask questions, thereon.

2. REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S) AND OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Options

Option	Comments
Note the presentation and comment thereon. This is the recommended option	None

- 2.1 This report recommends noting the content of the presentation and seeks members views and questions arising from it. The presentation will also provide members with the opportunity to speak directly to the service provider about service delivery and future plans.

3. KEY IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Environmental crime enforcement is an essential part of ensuring a cleaner Royal Borough. Previously, there has been limited enforcement activity with various initiatives over the years. It is a service that is complementary to waste and street cleansing services in that it seeks to deliver behavioural change in residents, business owners, tourists and visitors. Success is not measured by how many fixed penalty notices are offered to alleged offenders as an alternative to prosecution, but, by whether people's habits change and how many become more responsible citizens as a result of enforcement activity.
- 3.2 Councils have a legal duty to cleanse publicly owned land under the Environmental Protection Act and by having an effective and visible environmental enforcement regime, it should act as a deterrent to regular perpetrators who drop litter, fly tip, fly post or fail to pick up dog mess. This is the single most important measure of success for the Royal Borough.
- 3.3 The pilot scheme will determine how successful environmental enforcement has been and what it should look like going forward.

4. FINANCIAL DETAILS / VALUE FOR MONEY

There are no financial implications through this presentation of information.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Council is contracted with District Enforcement to provide environmental crime enforcement across the Royal Borough. No legal issues are anticipated to arise through this presentation of information.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

There are no risks associated with this presentation of information.

7. POTENTIAL IMPACTS

- 7.1 Equality Impact Assessments are always undertaken when introducing services across the Royal Borough.
- 7.2 Climate change/sustainability. Environmental crime enforcement contributes to our sustainability targets and complements the aim of having a clean and green Royal Borough.

8. CONSULTATION

Not applicable

9. TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Not applicable.

10. APPENDICES

None

11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Presentation from Autumn 2020

12. CONSULTATION (MANDATORY)

Name of consultee	Post held	Date sent	Date returned
Cllr Cannon	Lead Member for Public Protection and Parking	5.2.21	5.2.21
Duncan Sharkey	Managing Director	5.2.21	5.2.21
Adele Taylor	Director of Resources/S151 Officer	5.2.21	
Kevin McDaniel	Director of Children's Services	5.2.21	5.2.21
Hilary Hall	Director of Adults, Health and Commissioning	5.2.21	5.2.21
Andrew Vallance	Head of Finance	5.2.21	5.2.21
Elaine Browne	Head of Law	5.2.21	
	Monitoring Officer	5.2.21	
Nikki Craig	Head of HR, Corporate Projects and IT	5.2.21	5.2.21
Louisa Dean	Communications	5.2.21	
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REPORT HISTORY

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