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**Decision Session**

**22 December 2014**

**Cabinet Member for Communities**

Report of the Assistant Director for Housing and Community Safety

**Housing and Community Safety Legal Actions**

**Summary**

1. The purpose of this report is to enable the Cabinet Member for Homes & Safer Communities to review the results of legal actions (prosecutions, cautions and fixed penalties) undertaken by Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Licensing, the Regional Scambuster Team, and the National Trading Standards eCrime Centre as well as action taken by Housing Services for the period 1 April 2014 to 30 September 2014.

**Background**

2. The Cabinet Member for Crime and Stronger Communities approved an updated enforcement policy for Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Licensing, Street Environment and Enforcement Services in February 2012.
3. This report details the results of legal action taken in the period specified. Each case is considered on its merits before legal proceedings are instituted.
4. Annexes A and B summarise the action taken. Please note that a Simple Caution is a Home Office approved procedure which is an alternative to prosecution. It involves a written acceptance that an offence has been committed and may be drawn to the attention of a court if any subsequent offence is committed within two years of issue.

**Consultation**

5. Not applicable.

**Options**

6. Not applicable as the Cabinet Member is being asked to note the content of the report.

## Analysis

7. Not applicable.

## Council Priorities

8. The enforcement of the council's policies and where appropriate legal actions support the council's priorities in particular "Create Jobs & Grow the Economy, Protect Vulnerable People and Protect the Environment".

## Implications

9. The implications arising from this report are:
  - **Financial:** There are no financial implications associated with this report.
  - **Human Resources:** There are no Human Resources implications associated with this report.
  - **Equalities:** There are no equalities implications associated with this report.
  - **Legal:** There are no legal implications associated with this report
  - **Crime and Disorder:** Formal enforcement action contributes to reducing anti social behaviour and dishonest trading.
  - **Information Technology (IT):** There are no IT implications associated with this report.
  - **Other:** There are no other implications associated with this report.

## Risk Management

10. There are no known risks associated with this report.

## Recommendations

11. The Cabinet Member is asked to note this report.

Reason: So that the Cabinet Member reviews formal enforcement activity undertaken by Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Licensing Services, the Regional Scambuster Team, the National Trading Standards eCrime Centre and Housing Services.

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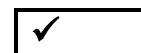


**Date** 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2014

**Specialist Officer Implications: None**

**Wards Affected:**

All



### Background Papers:

Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Licensing, Street Environment and Enforcement Services Enforcement Policy (February 2012)

### Annexes

Annex A : Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Licensing, the Regional Scambuster Team, and the National Trading Standards eCrime Centre Formal Enforcement Action between 1 April 2014 to 30 September 2014.

Annex B: Housing Formal Enforcement Action between 1 April 2014 to 30 September 2014.

Annex C - Community Impact Assessment