

Cabinet Member for Crime and Stronger Communities

Report of the Assistant Director for Housing and
Community Safety

Public Protection Legal Actions

Summary

1. The purpose of this report is to enable the Cabinet Member for Crime and Stronger Communities to review the results of legal actions (prosecutions, cautions and fixed penalties) undertaken by Environmental Health, Trading Standards, and Licensing Services in the Communities and Neighbourhoods Directorate for the period 1st January 2013 – 31st March 2013.

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 prosecutions taken in the period 1st January 2013 – 31st March 2013 by Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Licensing Services, the Regional Scambuster Team and National Trading Standards eCrime Centre. Each case is considered on its merits before legal proceedings are instituted.
4. Annex A summarises the prosecutions completed, fixed penalty notices and simple cautions that have been issued. 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 members are being asked to note the content of the report.

Analysis

7. Not applicable.

Council Priorities

8. Three council priorities are “Protect jobs and grow the economy”, “Protect vulnerable people” and “Protect the environment”. Many legal actions are taken in support of these priorities.

Implications

9. The implications arising from this report are:
 - **Financial:** None.
 - **Human Resources:** None.
 - **Equalities:** None.
 - **Legal:** None.
 - **Crime and Disorder:** Formal enforcement action taken by environmental health, trading standards and licensing services contributes to reducing anti social behaviour and dishonest trading.
 - **Information Technology (IT):** None.
 - **Other:** None.

Risk Management

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

Recommendations

11. That the Cabinet Member note the contents of this report.

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

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**Report
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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: EH, TS and Licensing Formal Enforcement Action 1st July 2012 – 30th September 2012