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**Decision Session – Cabinet Member for  
Crime and Community Safety**

**6th March 2012**

Report of the Assistant Director for Housing and Public Protection

**Public Protection Legal Actions**

**Summary**

1. The purpose of this report is to enable the Cabinet Member for Crime & Community Safety 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 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011.

**Background**

2. The Cabinet Member for Environment and Sustainability approved an enforcement policy for Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Licensing, Street Environment and Enforcement Services in March 2008. This policy was updated and approved by the Cabinet Member for Crime and Community Safety in February 2012.
3. This report details the results of prosecutions taken in the period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011 – 30<sup>th</sup> December 2011 by Environmental Health, Trading Standards, and Licensing Services (under the policy approved in 2008). 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 the Cabinet Member is being asked to note the content of the report.

## Analysis

7. Not applicable.

## Council Plan

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. **Financial:** There are no financial implications associated with this report.
10. **Human Resources:** There are no Human Resources implications associated with this report.
11. **Equalities:** There are no equalities implications associated with this report.
12. **Legal:** There are no legal implications associated with this report
13. **Crime and Disorder:** Formal enforcement action taken by environmental health, trading standards and licensing services contributes to reducing anti social behaviour and dishonest trading.
14. **Information Technology (IT):** There are no IT implications associated with this report.
15. **Other:** There are no other implications associated with this report.

## Risk Management

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

## Recommendations

17. That the Cabinet Member approve this report.

Reason: So that the Cabinet Member reviews formal enforcement activity undertaken by Environmental Health, Trading Standards, and Licensing Services.

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**Report  
Approved**



**Date** 03/02/2012

**Specialist Officer Implications: None**

**Wards Affected:**

All

### Background Papers:

Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Licensing, Street Environment and Enforcement Services Enforcement Policy (June 2008)

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

### Annexes

Annex A: EH, TS and Licensing Formal Enforcement Action 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011