
Meeting of the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services

19th March 2008

Report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services

NEIGHBOURHOODS & COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP LEGAL ACTIONS

Summary

1. To inform Members of the results of legal actions (prosecutions, formal cautions and fixed penalties) undertaken by the Neighbourhoods and Community Safety area of the Directorate of Neighbourhood Services (Environmental Health, Trading Standards, and Licensing) for the period 1st October – 31st December 2007.

Background

2. The Executive Member for Environment and Sustainability approved an enforcement policy for Environmental Health, Trading Standards and Licensing Services in September 2005.
3. This report details the results of prosecutions taken in the period 1st October 2007 – 31st December 2007. In accordance with the policy each case is considered on its merits before legal proceedings are instituted.
4. Annex One summarises the prosecutions completed, fixed penalty notices and cautions that have been issued (a 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.

Corporate Priorities

8. The formal legal actions taken contribute towards two corporate priorities, which are “To reduce the actual and perceived impact of violent, aggressive and nuisance behaviour of

people in York” and “To improve the health and lifestyles of the people who live in York, in particular among groups whose levels of health are the poorest

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. **Property:** There are no property implications associated with this report.
16. **Other:** There are no other implications associated with this report.

Risk Management

17. In compliance with the Council’s risk management strategy. There are no risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

Recommendations

18. That the Advisory Panel advise the Executive Member to note the contents of this report.

Reason: So that the Executive Member is updated on formal enforcement activity undertaken by the Neighbourhoods and Community Safety Group.

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Specialist Implications Officer: None

Wards Affected:

All

Background Papers:

Environmental Health, Trading Standards and Licensing Enforcement Policy (September 2005)

Annexes

Annex One: EH and TS Formal Enforcement Action 1st October 2007 – 31st December 2007.