

21 March 2007

Meeting of the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services and Advisory Panel

Report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services

NEIGHBOURHOODS GROUP LEGAL ACTIONS

Summary

1. To inform Members of the results of legal actions (prosecutions, formal cautions and fixed penalties) undertaken by the Neighbourhoods area of the Directorate of Neighbourhood Services (Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Licensing and Street Environment Services) for the period 1st October 2006 – 31st December 2006.

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 2006 to 31st December 2006. In accordance with the policy each case is considered on its merits before legal proceedings are instituted.
4. Annex A 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 Objectives

8. Corporate Objective 4.8 is to provide effective consumer and environmental protection services.

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 Advisory Panel advise the Executive Member notes the contents of this report.

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

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Wards Affected:

All

Background Papers:

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

Annexes

Annex A: EH, TS & SES Formal Enforcement Action 1st October – 31st December 2006