

**25<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**Environment, Enforcement and & Housing Committee**

**Chair's update report**

Members to note updates from Officers set out below.

**Community Safety Accreditation Scheme**

**Corporate Enforcement Team**

Another member of the team has successfully passed their Community Safety Accreditation bringing the core team of accredited officers to 7. A further 2 officers from housing have recently completed their training in April which has increased the total number of officers with accreditation within the Council to 15. This includes officers from Community Safety, CCTV, Environmental Health, and Housing. A recent visit was undertaken by Essex Police CSAS Team who have commended the work being undertaken in Brentwood.

Fixed Penalty Notices issued by the Corporate Enforcement Team from Jan 19 – present,

<b>Fixed Penalty Notices Issued (February – present)</b>					
<b>No</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Breach of PSPO</b>	<b>Town Centre</b>	<b>£75</b>	<b>£100</b>	<b>Higher amount paid due to late payment</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Fly-tipping</b>	<b>Warley</b>	<b>£400</b>	<b>£400</b>	<b>Fly-tip at recycle centre</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Fly-tipping</b>	<b>Ingrave Road</b>	<b>£400</b>	<b>£400</b>	<b>Waste by litter bin (evidence obtained via CCTV)</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Duty of Care</b>	<b>Warley</b>	<b>£300</b>	<b>O/S</b>	<b>Failure to supply waste transfer notes</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Breach of PSPO</b>	<b>Town Centre</b>	<b>£75.00</b>	<b>O/S</b>	<b>Busker (not returned)</b>

## **Fly-tipping**

Our work to tackle fly-tipping continues with plans for joint operations with Essex Police and wider partners throughout the coming months. The team have also improved our fly-tipping leaflet to include useful information on Duty of Care. Data shows that the types of fly-tips are predominantly linked to householder's waste and therefore our campaign will focus on residents being aware of their duty of care and that it is a community issue that needs support from residents as much as partners. The campaign to be launched shortly.

Patrols are also continuing across the borough in key hot spot areas. Several investigations are ongoing following evidence obtained which is also encouraging and will be reported on in the Corporate Enforcement Annual Report.

Fly-tipping figures (removed by BBC)

<b>Month</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Feb 19	72	An increase of 01 from the previous year
Mar 19	68	An increase of 16 from the previous year
April 19	54	An increase of 14 from the previous year
May 19	48	A decrease of 12 from the previous year
Year to Date	691	An increase of 3 from the previous 12 months

Officers have focused efforts in the most affected areas, and this was recognised by Navestock Parish Council recently with a thank you from the Chair.

## **Enforcement Opportunity/Support**

Six members of the team have now been trained by Essex Police to be able to carry out speed checks. The speed gun is the same as those used by Essex Police and has

infrared capability. There have been delays in waiting for Type Approval of the speed gun from the Home Officer. However, this in the final stages and delivery of the team's speed gun is due shortly along with delegate powers by the Chief Constable of Essex Police for officers to carry out the speed checks. This will enable officers to carry out speed checks in approved areas. Speeding is always a key community safety issue for our communities, so this is a real positive step forward. It will also improve our visibility across the borough including our rural areas.

**Abandoned Vehicles info;**

Month	Enquiries	Total Removed	BBC Removed	DVLA Removed	Owner Removed
Feb-19	22	3	0	0	3
Mar-19	20	3	0	1	2
Apr-19	24	8	1	2	5
May-19	37	7	0	3	4

**Parking on grass verges** - Essex Act 1987 notices have been applied to 7 vehicles that were parked illegally where prohibition notices are in force on Chelmsford Road, Rayleigh Road and Coram Green.

**Waste presentation issues**

- ✓ 28 warning/education letters
- ✓ 3 Section 108 Notices issued (a formal Notice sent to an individual asking for further information. If they do not respond within the given timeframe, they then commit an offence. Which is punishable through the Courts)
- ✓ 3 Section 46 Notices sent to residents since January (a formal Notice issued to households that have not presented their waste correctly i.e. too early! We can issue a Fixed Penalty if breach for £80, no early payment reduction)

**Dedicated Patrols**

The team continue to undertake patrols in key locations tackling community issues such as ASB, fly-tipping, nuisance vehicles and enforcing the PSPO. Several of the patrols have been during the evening and weekends alongside Essex Police.

In addition to the usual patrols the team also undertook a joint operation with Essex Police, South Essex Parking Partnership (SEPP) in key hotspot areas. This work will continue and develop.

### **Corporate Enforcement Newsletter**

The first edition of the Corporate Enforcement Newsletter has been published with positive feedback. The distribution is continuing to build, and the next edition is due shortly.

### **Community Safety**

**Anti-Social Behaviour** - Since January 2018 the following has been achieved:

- There has been a total of 157 cases, 126 are now closed and 31 open.
- 13 Notices of Seeking Possession have been served for a variety of different reasons.
- 10 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts have been signed by tenants regarding their behaviour. Two of which were to Council tenants who had been caught shoplifting in Brentwood High Street.
- 3 injunctions have been sought and granted for threatening behaviour against residents and staff.
- 6 Community Protection Warnings have been served recently. This includes one to a Landlord for lack of action against their tenants for noxious smells from their property. This has led to the landlord acting and commenced eviction proceedings.

Anti-Social Behaviour is down 18.2% (316 less offences) rolling 12 months to May 2019. This is hugely due to the joint work of the Community Safety Team, Enforcement Team and Essex Police patrolling hotspot areas and having more of a visible presence.

The team also won Team of the Year 2019 which was wonderful and really lifted their spirits and encouraged them to do even better.

This update is just a snapshot of what the Corporate Enforcement Team do. The Annual Report is being compiled and will be going to Environment, Enforcement and Housing Committee in September.