

# SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

## Report

**Subject** : EH Commercial Services - Litter Enforcement Annual Review  
**Committee** : Environmental Services & Climate Committee  
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### 1. Introduction:

1.1. This report provide additional information on the costs and income of the East Hants (EH) Commercial Service Litter Enforcement Service.

### 2. Background:

- 2.1. On 5 Jul 2022 this Committee reviewed a report concerning the EH Commercial Services - Litter Enforcement Annual Review. Minute 13.1 and 13.2 show that the Committee noted the report and deferred any decision. The Committee requested officers provide additional information on the costs and income of the service at the next meeting of this committee. This report provides that additional information and should be considered alongside the original report (Doc 86247 and 86603).
- 2.2. The FPN's currently issued in Salisbury are charged at £75.00 with no reduction for early payment.
- 2.3. The maximum legal value that a FPN can be £150.00. However it should be noted that there are currently only 3 other local government bodies in England that issue FPNs at this cost. These are Brighton & Hove City Council (a principal authority), and the two London Boroughs of Wandsworth and Merton. All offer a reduced fee if paid within a set time period.

### 3. FPN's – Historical Data for Salisbury:

Year	Period	FPN's per annum	Expenditure £	Income £	Variance £
2018/19	From start of patrols in August 2018	975	46,416	51,510	5,094
2019/20	April to March	902	60,344	55,535	(4,809)
2020/21	Between lockdowns – Late August to early November only	186	10,920	12,020	1,100
2021/22	May 2021 to end of March 2022	564	42,691	28,516	(14,175)
<i>Totals</i>	<i>May 2021 to end of March 2022</i>	<i>2627</i>	<i>160,371</i>	<i>147,581</i>	<i>(12,790)</i>

#### 4. Litter Enforcement Service Increased Costs:

- 4.1. EH Commercial Services have informed the Council that from 1 Oct 2022 there will be an increase costs to the service as follows:
- 4.1.1. £285.00 per officer per patrol day increased from £250.00 per officer per patrol day
  - 4.1.2. 45p per mile from 40p per mile for officers travel costs
  - 4.1.3. £30 fee per correctly issued FPN from £25 fee per correctly issued FPN.

#### 5. Estimated future costs & income:

- 5.1. Proposed future costs based on the figures above, and assuming 2 Officers attend 2 days per week every week for 1 year are shown in the table below

Officer Costs	£59,442.00
Travel Costs	£4,693.00
FPN Costs	£28,230.00
<b>Total Cost of service</b>	<b>£92,365.00</b>

- 5.2. The estimated future income assuming at least an average of 78 FPN's per month is shown in the table below.

- 5.3. On average over the last four years each £75 FPN issued has resulted in £56.18 of income to the Council. This is 74.9% of the FPN charge.

- 5.4. The Council does not receive all £75 return per FPN. This is because of those issued:

- 5.4.1. Some are paid promptly and recover £75
- 5.4.2. Some are not paid promptly and recover £150
- 5.4.3. Some are disputed by the recipient and no payment received
- 5.4.4. Many are not paid, the case is taken to court, and some or none of the fee is eventually received

If charge per FPN is	Estimated Return per FPN	Estimated Return per Annum
£75.00	£56.18	£52,580.00
£100.00	£74.90	£70,106.00
£125.00	£93.63	£87,633.00
£150.00	£112.35	£105,160.00

- 5.5. Therefore, if assumptions are as indicated, the levy would need to double to £150.00 in order to see a surplus to cover the costs of the service.

#### 6. Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 6.1. Note the additional information provided in this report
- 6.2. Consider if the service should continue, given that the operation is not currently cost neutral.

## 7. **Background papers:**

- 7.1. Doc 86247 – EH Commercial Services - Litter Enforcement Annual Review
- 7.2. Doc 86603 - Appendix A – Salisbury City Council review provided by EH Commercial Services Ltd.

## 8. **Implications:**

- 8.1. **Financial:** As outlined in the report.
- 8.2. **Legal:** As outlined in the report
- 8.3. **Personnel:** None in relation to this report
- 8.4. **Environmental Impact:** As outlined in the report
- 8.5. **Equality Impact Statement:** None in relation to this report