

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

Report

Subject : EH Commercial Services - Litter Enforcement Additional Information
Committee : Environmental Services & Climate Committee
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1. Introduction:

1.1. This report provides further information in relation to 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.

2.2. On 19 Oct 2022 this Committee reviewed an additional report concerning the EH Commercial Services - Litter Enforcement Annual Review. Minute 27.1 and 17.2 show that the Committee noted the report and deferred any decision. The Committee requested officer provide additional information and this report provides that additional information and should be considered alongside the previous reports (Doc 86247, 86603, 87761).

3. FPN's Issued 2022/2023:

3.1. The table below, illustrates the number of FPN's issued in 2022/23 to date:

Month	Number of FPN's issued
April	40
May	32
June	47
July	47
August	34
September	52
Total	252

3.2. Please note that these figures do not account for FPN's cancelled after issue due to individual being underage, providing wrong details, disputed FPN's etc.

4. FPN Process and Payment:

4.1. When a FPN is issued, there are a number of routes that may occur. These are outlined below:

a) Immediate payment of the £75 FPN

- b) Late payment of £150
- c) Dispute whereby the issues FPN is cancelled and so monies are due = £0 return
- d) Dispute which eventually arrives in court. The court may demand payment is made in full immediately, but in many cases, a repayment plan is established, which can be repayment at £2 per week, This, would take more than a year to recover the FPN fee charged.

4.2. This means that the number of FPN's issued, does not neatly correlate with the income figure.

5. Costs of Service 2022/23 v 2023/24

- 5.1. The breakdown of the FPN additional costings and the calculations leading to the **potential** yearly gross cost of £93,000 were provided in the previous paper (DOC87761).
- 5.2. All figures reported in the 2022/23 budget were correct (**potential** yearly gross cost of £60,000 as they were related to EH charges at that time. EH have determined that their new costs are now higher, hence the 23/24 budget being proposed at a that sum.
- 5.3. Please note that all figures detailed are **potential** costs assuming 2 Officers attend 2 days per week every week for 1 year. This has rarely been the case as per the table below:

Year	Period	FPN's per annum	Expenditure £
2018/19	From start of patrols in August 2018 – March 2019	975	46,416
2019/20	April to March	902	60,344
2020/21	Between lockdowns – Late August to early November only	186	10,920
2021/22	May 2021 to end of March 2022	564	42,691

6. Actions put in place by SCC to aid the service

- 6.1. All areas of the parish are now open to EH, including all WC car parks which were previously excluded.
- 6.2. Footfall figures are provided to EH Officers to help identify the busiest days and areas.
- 6.3. SCC have requested various days and times of service based on local knowledge.

7. Restrictions on the service

- 7.1. EH often provide a single officer instead of two due to staff shortages (Holiday/Sickness/Recruitment Issues).

7.2. Officer patrol costs have increased from October 2022, but the number of FPN issued in 2022/23 have not.

7.3. EH have indicated to SCC Officers that it is 'hard to catch people in Salisbury'.

8. Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Committee:

8.1. Note the additional information provided in this report

8.2. Consider if the service should continue, noting that a 6-month notice period needs to be given.

9. Background papers:

9.1. Doc 86247 – EH Commercial Services - Litter Enforcement Annual Review

9.2. Doc 86603 - Appendix A – Salisbury City Council review provided by EH Commercial Services Ltd.

9.3. Doc 87761 - EH Commercial Services - Litter Enforcement Annual Review

10. Implications:

10.1. **Financial:** As outlined in the report.

10.2. **Legal:** As outlined in the report

10.3. **Personnel:** None in relation to this report

10.4. **Environmental Impact:** As outlined in the report

10.5. **Equality Impact Statement:** None in relation to this report