

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**NEIGHBOURHOOD, ENVIRONMENT AND
COMMUNITIES**

ENVIRO CRIME – FLYERS / INFORMATION LEAFLETS

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for the direct leafleting / distribution of flyers relating to enviro-crime / low-level anti-social behaviour.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Neighbourhood Response Team (NRT) responds to service requests from the public and partner agencies relating to enviro-crime and low-level anti-social behaviour. Service requests include flytipping, littering, graffiti, abandoned cars, noise nuisance, dog fouling etc.
- 2.2 The NRT persuades, educates and where appropriate enforces the legislation that covers enviro-crime and low-level anti-social behaviour. Outcomes include changes in behaviour and attitudes, verbal and written warnings, fixed penalty notices, formal cautions and prosecutions.
- 2.3 Enviro-crime and low-level anti-social behaviour follow no particular trends or patterns and occur at all hours of the day and night across North Lincolnshire. The NRT rarely witnesses offences and much of its work involves investigations and partnership working to detect and deliver outcomes. The NRT's biggest and most influential partners are the general public and business community in North Lincolnshire as it is in their neighbourhoods and communities that enviro-crime and low-level anti-social occurs. Members of the public are best placed to know who, what, where and when things happen where they live, work and play. Without reports of incidents from the public and the information, intelligence and co-operation given the work and effectiveness of the NRT would be greatly reduced.
- 2.4 Notwithstanding the above the NRT wishes to develop further its partnership working by way of informing the public of incidents of enviro-crime and low-level anti-social behaviour in their community / neighbourhood. This requires the NRT to proactively approach the public to ask for assistance, information etc. and highlight the work the council is undertaking to make communities cleaner, safer and greener.

- 2.5 It is proposed that appropriate messages are distributed in the locations where an incident of enviro-crime and low-level anti-social behaviour has occurred. Appendix 1 is a sample flyer relating to fly tipping that may be distributed to dwellings and business premises in the vicinity of an incident. Others will be made up for other types of incidents.
- 2.6 Furthermore, the direct leafleting / distribution of flyers relating to enviro-crime and low-level anti-social behaviour in target areas / hot spots will assist the council in its requirement to reduce the number of unavoidable contacts as required by national performance indicator NI14. If the NRT makes it clear to a community by the distribution of flyers that it is aware of an incident, the calls to report it will be reduced or eliminated.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Option 1 – To undertake direct leafleting / distribution of flyers relating to enviro-crime and low-level anti-social behaviour in target areas / hot spots.
- 3.2 Option 2 – Continue with the present working and campaigning arrangements.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 Option 1

4.1.1 Adopting the proposed direct leafleting / distribution of flyers relating to enviro-crime / low-level anti-social behaviour complies with good practice and proactively seeks partnership working and promotes the work of the council in relation to enviro-crime and low-level anti-social behaviour.

4.2 Option 2

4.2.1 The investigation and campaigning work of the NRT will not be as effective and information and opportunities will be lost.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

5.1 The cost of the production of leaflets, flyers, posters etc will be less than £1,000 and will be met from the income generated from fixed penalty notices served on persons who commit enviro-crime and low-level anti-social behaviour.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY SECTION 17 CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)

6.1 Adoption of the practice of direct leafleting / distribution of flyers relating to enviro-crime / low-level anti-social behaviour is a further step in the council setting out the range of actions being taken to deter and investigate enviro-crime and low-level anti-social behaviour.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Discussions with partner agencies and interested groups (Police, Neighbourhood Watch, NATs etc.) regarding the direct leafleting / distribution of flyers relating to enviro-crime / low-level anti-social behaviour have shown a broad support.
- 7.2 The Reputation Group of the council supports the direct leafleting / distribution of flyers relating to enviro-crime / low-level anti-social behaviour in hot spot areas.

8. RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 To adopt the practice of direct leafleting / distribution of flyers in hot spots and during investigations relating to enviro-crime / low-level anti-social behaviour.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report

- None.

WARNING



FLYTIPPING



North Lincolnshire Council has received reports regarding fly tips occurring in your area. Fly tipping is not only unsightly but poses a significant threat to people, wildlife, environment and the local economy.

All reported fly tips are investigated and where appropriate legal action taken.

The council needs your support to tackle this problem. If you see a fly tipping incident, or come across a fly tip, please call the council contact centre on 01724 297000.

Where possible please note:

- The day, date and time of the incident;
- What you saw, such as descriptions of those involved and what they were doing;
- The vehicles involved and what they were doing, including make, colour and registration plate;

- Also note the view you had and the weather conditions.

All of these details may help the council to secure a conviction and reduce the likelihood of it happening again.

Never give your waste to someone else other than the council to dispose of, either freely or by payment, unless they are a registered waste carrier. If you are unsure call the council contact centre on 01724 297000.

**For your personal safety
North Lincolnshire Council
recommends that you never
touch a fly tip or approach anyone
engaged in flytipping.**



Contact us

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