

TITLE OF REPORT: Enforcement Team Activity

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Purpose of the Report

1. To advise the Committee of the activity of the Enforcement Team since the last Committee meeting.

Background

2. The Enforcement team deal with proactive and reactive investigations in relation to Planning, Highway and Waste related matters.

Recommendations

3. It is recommended that the Committee note the report.

Within the date range commencing 28.04.22 and ending 25.05.22 the enforcement team has received 133 new service requests.

Type of complaint	New complaints received	Cases allocated to officer	Cases resolved	Pending prosecutions
PLANNING	23	14	25	0
HIGHWAYS	25	17	16	0
ABANDONED VEHICLES	62	33 active cases remain	49	0
WASTE	23	21	9	1
TOTALS	133	85	99	1

COURT HEARINGS

Tuesday 10th May at South Tyneside Magistrates Court - s.33 unauthorised deposit of waste (fly tip) and s.71 failure to reply to a notice, Environmental Protection Act 1990.

Result: Prosecution withdrew the case on the basis that the public interest test was no longer met. This was because the defendant advised that he recently was released from prison following him receiving an 18-month sentence. Following this and following the guidance set in The Code for Crown Prosecutors the prosecutor felt the public interest test would no longer be met for this offence.