

**TITLE OF REPORT:** Enforcement Team Activity

**REPORT OF:** Anneliese Hutchinson, Service Director – Climate Change, Compliance, Planning and Transport

### 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 09.02.23 and ending 08.03.23 the enforcement team has received 119 new service requests. The enforcement team currently has 511 cases under investigation.

TYPE OF SERVICE REQUEST	NEW SERVICE REQUESTS RECEIVED	CASES ALLOCATED TO OFFICER	CASES RESOLVED	UNDER INVESTIGATION	PENDING PROSECUTIONS
Planning	39	14	62	250	1
Empty/vacant properties & sites	8	8	2	43	0
Highways	20	11	12	128	0
Abandoned vehicles	32	32	36	8	0
Waste investigations	20	20	10	82	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>1</b>

**COURT HEARINGS**

Colin Scott attended Gateshead Magistrates Court on 08 March 2023 and pleaded guilty to offences under S.34 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 for fly tipping. Mr Scott is a fencing contractor and gardener trading as T.C. Garden Maintenance. Fencing that was removed from St Edmonds Drive in Felling was deposited on Galloping Green Road, Eighton Banks, obstructing the footpath and part of the road in June 2022. The wood was positioned just out of sight of some recently installed CCTV, this being a common site for fly-tipping. Mr Scott has been fined £300 plus surcharge of £32 and £100 costs.