

TITLE OF REPORT: Enforcement Team Activity

REPORT OF: Neil Wilkinson, Interim 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 26.06.2024 and ending 20.08.2024 the enforcement team has received 392 new service requests. The enforcement team currently has 621 cases under investigation.

TYPE OF SERVICE REQUEST	NEW SERVICE REQUESTS RECEIVED	CASES ALLOCATED TO OFFICER	CASES RESOLVED	UNDER INVESTIGATION	PENDING PROSECUTIONS	FPN ISSUED	CAUTION ISSUED	REFERAL TO OTHER AGENCY
Planning	77	42	48	253	0			
Empty/vacant properties & sites	37	37	8	131	0			
Highways	71	37	81	100	0			
Abandoned vehicles	110	110	114	18	0			
Waste investigations	97	95	73	119	2	0	0	0

TOTALS	392	321	324	621	2	0	0	0
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COURT HEARINGS

Louise BINGLEY was required to attend South Tyneside Magistrates Court on 09.07.2024 following noncompliance with a statutory notice served on her under Section 108 of the Environment Act. This notice required her to provide any information relevant to a fly tipping investigation as evidence had been found within the fly tipped waste relating to her and her address. She failed to attend, and the court proceeded in her absence. She was found guilty in her absence and was issued with a fine of £120 and incurred costs of £200.

One vehicle belonging to a prolific fly tipper has been seized, forfeited and crushed.

