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ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME UPDATE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform Members of the Environmental Crime action from the 1st April to the 30th June 2016 in the Barrowford area, (including spend on litter/ dog waste bins) along with annual totals for 2016/17, and to ask for feedback on any problems with substations in the committee area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) To note the report on environmental crime actions.
- (2) To provide feedback on any problems with substations in the committee area.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) Members are kept informed of any environmental crime action taken.
- (2) To bring problems to the attention of Environmental Services in order to help remedy any substation sites.

ISSUE

Section 215 notices

Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 allows a local authority to serve a notice on the owners and occupiers of land, requiring the site to be tidied up if the condition of any land is in such a state as to adversely affect the amenity of the neighbourhood.

Section 215s pending

The Section 215 process was started on the following property during April to June 2016.

IDNO	ADDRESS	COMMITTEE	COMMENCED
30726	6 Bedford Street, Barrowford, Nelson, Lancashire, BB9 6DA	Barrowford	27/06/2016
		Total	1

Section 215s completed

There were no properties dealt with under Section 215 that were cleared in the process and completed during April to June 2016.

Section 215 completed by Legal

There were no section 215 notices commenced by Legal during this period.

Section 46 Notices

Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) 1990 allows a waste collection authority to specify how waste is presented for collection, i.e. require an occupier to place waste for collection in receptacles of a kind and number specified. This is used to enforce separation of waste for recycling and also for the removal of containers from the public highway following the scheduled collection of waste.

There was one Section 46 Notice issued by Environmental Services between April and June 2016.

IDNO	ADDRESS	COMMITTEE	COMMENCED
30187	15 Bankhouse Street, Barrowford, Nelson, Lancashire, BB9 6HY	Barrowford	16/05/2016
		Total	1

Section 79 Notices

Section 79 of the Public Health Act 1936 allows a Local Authority to serve notice where the owner of the land / property has accumulated noxious matter i.e. food waste and the notice gives the owner 24 hours to remove the waste. On failure to act upon the Notice the Local Authority can remove the waste and recover the expenses of any actions taken.

There were no Section 79's carried out by Environmental Services between April and June 2016.

Community Protection Notice

CPN's can be used by the Council to target those responsible for specific ongoing problems or nuisance which negatively affects the quality of life in a community. Examples of behaviour covered by CPN's include owners allowing dogs to persistently stray and or cause a nuisance, owners of dogs persistently allowing dogs to foul without then removing the waste and vehicle repair garages parking vehicles for repair on residential streets.

The following actions were undertaken via a Community Protection process by Neighbourhood Services between April and June 2016.

Quarter 1 Actions	BWP
Resolved before warning	2
Resolved after notice	2
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Description	Action
Negotiating methods to control dogs on farm	Resolved before Warning
Aggressive behaviour towards footpath users	Resolved before Warning
Dogs out of control	Resolved after Notice
Dog escaping and causing nuisance in Victoria Park	Resolved after Notice

Fixed Penalty Notices

The Council has various powers to issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) for offences such as littering, failure to remove dog fouling, graffiti and fly tipping.

There were 2 Fixed Penalty Notices served in the period between April and June 2016 in the Barrowford area by Environmental Services.

IDNO	ADDRESS	COMMITTEE	COMMENCED	TYPE
29976	Banking of river, near to Bulholme Playing Fields, Barrowford	Barrowford	14/04/2016	FPN - Dog Fouling
28649	Cadogen Street, Barrowford, Lancashire	Barrowford	04/11/2015	FPN - Litter from a vehicle
		Total	2	

Annual Summary of Environmental Crime Actions for 2016/17

	S215 pending	S215 closed	Sec 46	Sec 79	Fixed penalty notices		
					FPN Dog Fouling	FPN Litter from a vehicle	Total
Barrowford	1	0	1	0	1	1	2

The table above summarises the total number of actions taken by Environmental Services in 2016.

Provision of litter / dog waste bins

Members approved a total allocation for £187.00 inclusive of slippage from 2016/17. Members are advised that during Quarter 1, £40.00 was spent. Members are advised that there was 1 bin placed out/removed during April to June, leaving a remaining total of £147.00.

AREA	DESCRIPTION	TYPE ON BIN	COST PER
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			BIN
Gisburn Road, Blacko	Relocate litter bin o/s school and attach to pole next to bus stop, on opposite side of road	Litter	40.00

Members are advised that due to wear or damage 1 bin has been replaced by Environmental Services at no cost to the area committee's budget within the period April to June 2016.

AREA	DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF BIN	COST PER BIN
Woodale Laithe, Barrowford	Replace the dog bin post in ginnel	DOG	20.00

Substation Sites

Following the scrutiny review of Litter and Detritus carried out in 2008, all area committees are encouraged to report if there are any substations within their area that may need tidying up. Members are asked to provide location details of any substations that are causing a problem with litter and/or fly tipping to Environmental Services.