

ENVIRO- CRIME ACTION PLAN

1. Fly tipping

Options	Proposed Actions	Target date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commit to prosecute individuals suspected of fly tipping in cases where sufficient evidence exists and it is considered to be in the public interest to prosecute. Advertise successful prosecutions in local media and include advice on responsible waste disposal options for both commercial and domestic duty of care. Commit to using alternative enforcement actions such as fixed penalty notices and simple cautions in cases which are not considered suitable for prosecution. Build on the positive relationships already established with partner agencies including Gloucestershire Police and Severn Vale Housing to tackle fly tipping. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieve at least three successful fly tipping prosecutions and advertise results in local media. Prepare a fixed penalty procedure for officers and ensure that all relevant officers are fully trained on the fixed penalty enforcement options available for fly tipping. Undertake a joint working initiative with Gloucestershire Police focusing on Sandhurst. Position fly tipping warning signs on Coriander Drive, Churchdown. Meet with TBC property department to establish whether an engineered solution can reduce fly-tipping at hot spots including the lay-by on Coriander Drive. 	<p>December 2017</p> <p>June 2017</p> <p>October 2017</p> <p>June 2017</p> <p>May 2017</p>

2. Abandoned Vehicles

Options	Proposed Actions	Target Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue partnership working with Gloucestershire Police and district authorities in order to achieve a co-ordinated approach across Gloucestershire. Commit to taking enforcement such as fixed penalty notices where appropriate in line with the TBC enforcement policy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sign abandoned vehicles data sharing agreement with Gloucestershire Police and Local Authorities. This should reduce the time taken to remove vehicles and enable more effective recovery of costs. Achieve an increase in the use of fixed penalty notices in connection with abandoned vehicle investigations. 	<p>June 2017</p> <p>October 2017</p>

3. Dog fouling

Options	Proposed Actions	Target Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) in relation to responsible dog ownership (this can include removal of dog faeces, dogs on leads when directed and in specified areas, exclusion of dogs from specified areas and failing to produce a receptacle for picking up dog faeces. Recruitment of Environmental Warden to undertake enviro-crime enforcement, focusing on dog fouling, in participating parishes. Investigation and enforcement of dog fouling complaints. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gather data on dog fouling hot spots. Present a report to the Council's Executive Committee recommending the introduction of Public Space Protection Orders for dog fouling. Pending agreement from executive Committee commence PSPO public consultation. Implementation of PSPO for target areas Recruitment to take place by August 2017. The Environmental Health Department will continue to investigate complaints of dog fouling and will take appropriate action where sufficient evidence exists. 	<p>April / May 2017 June 2017</p> <p>September 2017 December 2017 August 2017.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p>

4. Littering

Options	Proposed Actions	Target Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-ordinate, promote and support the work of the volunteer litter pickers. Investigation and enforcement of litter complaints. Public Space Protection Order. PSPOs may also be declared for littering. Commit to taking enforcement such as fixed penalty notices where appropriate in line with the TBC enforcement policy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to provide induction training and equipment as required by the volunteer litter pickers. Continue to support the scheme and encourage uptake. The Environmental Health Department will continue to investigate complaints of litter and will take appropriate action where sufficient evidence exists. Option to include PSPO for littering to be included in report to be presented to Executive Committee. 	<p>VLP event may 2017 & Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>June 2017</p>

5. General Actions

Options	Proposed Actions	Target Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review future recruitment options within the Environmental Health team in order to maintain capacity to tackle enviro-crimes. Prepare a publicly available fixed penalty policy outlining the offences for which the Council will issue fixed penalties as well as the current level of fine. Prepare a fixed penalty procedure for enforcement officers. Ensure relevant officers with the Environmental Health team are provided with the necessary training and knowledge to be able to investigate enviro-crimes and take any necessary enforcement action. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replacement cover for upcoming maternity leave within the Environmental Health team to have substantial enviro-crime investigation and enforcement role. Prepare fixed penalty policy Prepare fixed penalty procedure. Individual officer performance and training needs in respect of enviro-crimes will be discussed and reviewed as part of the Personal Professional Development (PPD) process. Significant skills gaps will be filled by internal mentoring and external training courses. 	<p>July 2017</p> <p>June 2017</p> <p>June 2017</p> <p>Ongoing.</p>