

REPORT TO: Policy and Performance Review Committee

MEETING DATE: 23 September 2014

BY: Depute Chief Executive (Partnerships and Community Services)

SUBJECT: Fly Tipping Update

1 PURPOSE

This report provides the Committee with a briefing on Fly Tipping.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Committee is requested to note the content of this report.

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 Members called for a report on the level of fly tipping having to be managed within the county.

3.2 The Council currently records reported incidences of fly tipping through the CRM and has done so over the last 4 years. However, a number of changes in policy towards Special Uplifts; a lack of clarity between what constitutes fly tipped material; straight forward incidences of excess litter or material that has just been wrongly presented or disturbed by youths after being presented for Special Uplift means any figures gathered on the volume of fly tipping cannot be relied upon to give an accurate pattern of trends over a long enough period to provide meaningful data.

3.3 The recording of fly tipping has remained settled for the year 13/14 however and this approach will remain in place for the future. It will therefore be possible to present more meaningful figures in the future that accurately record what is recognised as actual fly tipping, the localities within the county where problems are greatest, the likely sources broken down between domestic and commercial waste and the type of waste being dumped. This information can then be jointly analysed between the teams with respective responsibility for enforcement / investigation, uplift of dumped material and management of special uplifts / community recycling centres.

The highest incidences of fly tipping, some 77% originate from domestic premises and are made up of household materials. The remainder is primarily vehicle tyres which could be commercial or domestic, white goods or construction waste including asbestos with each of these material groups accounting for 6% of incidences respectively and the balance is made up of small quantities of garden waste.

In terms of actual reports logged by the Contact Centre over the previous 16 months, these are summarised as follows

	Total Reports on Lagan	Not found	Sp Uplift	Animals	Not fly tipping	No eform	duplicate reports	Test (By CRM Team)	Not ELC land	TOTAL
Jul-14	85	4		5	2	1	3		1	69
Jun-14	90	1	1	4	2	2	2	1	4	73
May-14	55	4		1	8	2	4		3	33
Apr-14	57	5		3	1	1	5		3	39
Apr 13 - Mar 14	770	50	6	34	34	37	23	4	36	546

Unsurprisingly given the distribution of households and industrial / commercial premises the Musselburgh cluster accounts for 33% of fly tipping incidences, Preston, Seton and Gosford at 22% and Fa'side 24%. The Dunbar Cluster contributes 9%, North Berwick 4% and Haddington 9%.

- 3.4 Following a review of concerns raised by local communities, the Safer Communities Team have now added investigation and issue of fixed penalty tickets to offenders identified as responsible for fly tipping.
- 3.5 At the conclusion of the year 2014/15 the Council will be better placed to identify any wider trends with regard to fly tipping, in particular the type of materials being dumped and the locations. This information will then be used to consider if resources require better direction towards managing fly tipping materials at source and deployment of enforcement activities.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial - None

6.2 Personnel - None

6.3 Other - None

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