

REPORT TO: Policy And Performance Review Committee

MEETING DATE: 21 June 2016

BY: Depute Chief Executive, Partnerships and
Community Services

SUBJECT: Fly Tipping Activity Update

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide members with an update on the volume of Fly Tipping levels in the county and to advise of joint working between stakeholders to manage emerging issues

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That members note the content of the report
- 2.2 That internal stakeholders continue to monitor any emerging trends with regard to Fly Tipping and reference these to future re-design and alterations to the Special Uplift service and general management of the recycling centres.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Previous reports to committee have been produced in response to information requests from members following changes in policy for Special Uplift Services and for general information on the level of activity required to manage this element of antisocial behaviour. This report provides a further update on activity returns, advises on the level of investigation and enforcement activities and reports on perceived impact on fly tipping levels following changes to domestic refuse collection timetables.
- 3.2 The Service now maintains in-house records listing volume, type of waste and locus of incidents and these provide a reasonable benchmark on which any changes in working practices across wider stakeholders can be used to measure the implications on fly tipping habits. These In-house figures record the full level of activity resulting from formal reports by the public and uplifts generated as a result of programmed front-line maintenance identifying unreported fly tipping and dealing with it immediately. The in-house figures (Appendix 1) list the total activity

while the CRM (Contact Centre) public reporting figures give a snapshot of types of materials and location.

- 3.3 Previously reported averages in 2010/11 2013/14 gave a figure of 80 incidents per month while the April 2013 to March 2016 gives an average of 50 actual incidents per month. If the same data cleansing approach now applied is worked back to 2010/11 this suggests that fly tipping incidents over the period 2010/11 to 2015/16 have remained fairly constant at 50-60 per month. Further analysis of the monthly returns fails to show any significant seasonal variations but spring and early summer are generally higher than the winter months.
- 3.4 With regard to recent changes in domestic refuse collection services there was no separate record of domestic black bag waste collected as fly tipping in residential areas, on which to determine any impact on fly tipping as a result of the changes frequency of collection. However this element is, from June 2015 recorded separately and the figures do not suggest the move to fortnightly mixed waste collections has had any real impact on fly tipping levels. Areas where issues have emerged involving loose waste / spillage from overfilled wheelie bins have been highlighted were and are being actively managed by Waste Services with appropriate face to face interventions that are generating positive improvements.
- 3.5 Waste Services have provided data for inclusion in this report that records some 8 Tonnes of mixed Fly Tipped material was received from Amenity Services during 15/16 that could have been presented for special uplift. This waste was processed by Waste Services and costs absorbed by them as part of a One Council approach to managing Fly Tipping. Waste Services also report that the availability of appointments for uplift of garden waste has been reduced to allow greater focus on general waste uplift from the west clusters, reducing the waiting time for such uplifts. Given the low number of incidents of Garden Waste being fly tipped, it would suggest that this has been a positive step towards reducing incidents of general waste dumping and improved service delivery for general special uplifts.
- 3.6 In terms of investigation of fly tipping incidents, some work has been done in this area by Safer Communities and in certain cases where evidence has led directly to an offender, appropriate action is taken to fine and recover clearance costs. However, the likelihood of tracing offenders in most cases is very low and evidence is often circumstantial and insufficient to progress to prosecution. Accordingly, with the resources available to stakeholders at present and other community generated priorities having to take precedent, enforcement activities will remain at a low level.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no policy implications associated with this response.

5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 The subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on equality, the environment or economy.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial – None
6.2 Personnel - None
6.3 Other - None

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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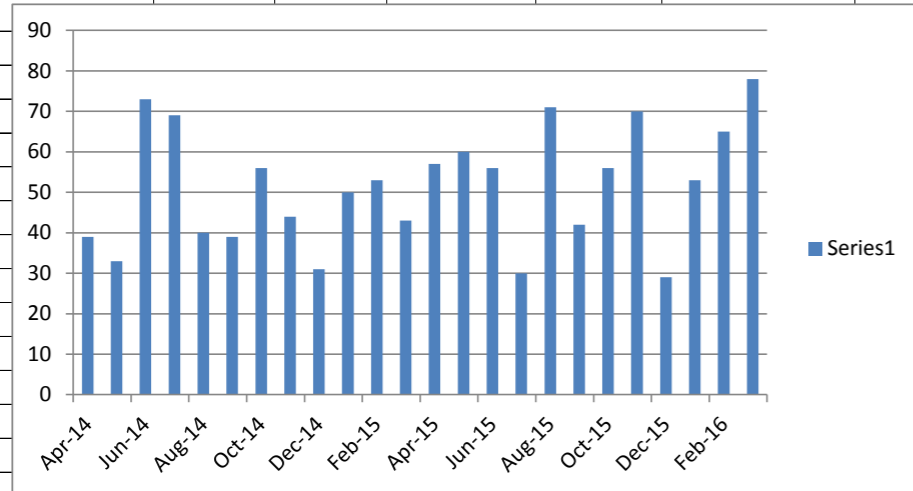
East Lothian Council - PPRC 21 June 2016 - Summary of Fly Tipping Incidences (Data Cleaned)

Month	Total Reports	Not found	Special Uplift	Animals (Road Kill)	Not fly tipping (General Litter etc)	No eform (Case started to be logged but then cancelled)	Duplicate reports	Test (By CRM Team)	Black Bags Household Waste (Excess Domestic Waste)	Not ELC land	Revised Total	Annual Total
Apr 13 - Mar 14	770	50	6	34	34	37	23	4		36	546	546
Apr-14	57	5		3	1	1	5			3	39	
May-14	55	4		1	8	2	4			3	33	
Jun-14	90	1	1	4	2	2	2	1		4	73	
Jul-14	85	4		5	2	1	3			1	69	
Aug-14	62			5	11	5	1				40	
Sep-14	66	8		4	5	4	1			5	39	
Oct-14	93	2		5	12	5	9			4	56	
Nov-14	62			3	8	3				4	44	
Dec-14	43			1	4	2				5	31	
Jan-15	61				3	1	2	1		4	50	
Feb-15	60	1		1	1	2	1			1	53	
Mar-15	74	2		2	3	8	6	6		4	43	570
Apr-15	108	6		11	7	13	6			8	57	
May-15	88	5		3	2	3	2	2	3	8	60	
Jun-15	93	3	1	5	2	5	6		5	10	56	
Jul-15	48	2		7	3	2	1			3	30	
Aug-15	99	6		5	6	7	3	1			71	
Sep-15	65	1	1	5	1	7	4			4	42	
Oct-15	87	3		9		2	9		3	5	56	
Nov-15	90	2	1	6	2	2	1		6		70	
Dec-15	54	2	1	1	2	7	1	3	4	4	29	
Jan-16	79	4		3	2	5	1	6	3	2	53	
Feb-16	85	3		3	5	4	2	1		2	65	
Mar-16	95	2		3	1	6			2	3	78	667
Totals	2569	116	11	129	127	136	93	25	26	123	1783	

Notes

Black Bags Household Waste commenced recording on introduction on fortnightly bin collections so no previous benchmark

Special Uplift - Collected by Waste Services on schedule before attendance on site by Fly Tipping Crew



Graph shows total of acted upon incidents over the period April 14 to March 16

East Lothian Council - PPRC 21 June 2016 - Fly Tipping Summary by Type and Locus															
April 2014 - March 2016		CRM Reports Only													
Locus	ASBESTOS HAZARDOUS	BLACK BAGS COMMERCIAL	BLACK BAGS HOUSEHOLD	CHEMICALDR UMS	CONSTRUCTION	GREEN GARDENING	OTHER COMMERCIAL	OTHER ELECTRICAL	OTHER HOUSEHOLD	OTHER UNIDENTIFIED	TYRES	VEHICLE / GARAGE WASTE	WHITE GOODS	Total by Locus	
Musselburgh	1	1	9		5	6	8		37	4	2	2	5	80	
Wallyford						4			14		1	1		20	
Whitecraig							1			2				3	
Rural													1	1	
Cluster Total	1	1	9		5	10	9		51	6	3	3	6	104	
Tranent			2		1	4			19	4				30	
Pencaitland										1				1	
Ormiston										3				3	
Elphinstone									1					1	
Macmerry									2	4				6	
Rural										2				2	
Cluster Total			2		1	4			22	14				43	
Prestonpans			3					1	19	13	2		1	39	
Port Seton			1		4				3				1	9	
Longniddry			2	1	2		1		4					10	
Rural														0	
Cluster Total			6	1	6		1	1	26	13	2		2	58	
Haddington			1		3	1	1		12	20		1	2	41	
Rural									5					5	
Cluster Total			1		3	1	1		17	20		1	2	46	
North Berwick									4	4	1			9	
Aberlady														0	
Gullane			1				2		2					5	
Dirleton								1						1	
Rural														0	
Cluster Total			1				2	1	6	4	1			15	
Dunbar			1				2		9	2			2	16	
West Barns												2		2	
East Linton			1											1	
Rural			1						1	2				4	
Cluster Total			3				2		10	4		2	2	23	
County Total	1	1	22	1	15	15	15	2	132	61	6	6	12	289	