

Initial Community Impact Assessment (Policy/Strategy)

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Summary

Outline of policy/strategy

The Policy is a new Environmental Enforcement Policy that outlines to the Public how Environmental Enforcement will take place fairly and proportionally across the Borough. This Policy gives clarity as to how the Service will achieve compliance by setting out the various options and the criteria used to determine the most appropriate response to breaches of legislation. We recognise different types of environmental crime will require use of different interventions and legislation to achieve the correct resolution. The decisions relating to how environmental crime is dealt with will be in-line with principles of enforcement contained within this Policy.

The Council has the power to take enforcement action against persons that commit a variety of environmental crimes. The following are considered to be the core offences upon which action will be taken:

- Littering
- Dog fouling
- Abandoned vehicles
- Nuisance vehicles
- Fly-tipping
- Fly-posting
- Graffiti
- Duty of care offences
- Litter and refuse control offences
- Noise

Summary of policy/strategy objectives

To provide key information relating to the Generic Environmental Enforcement Policy and the level of fines applicable for offences that can be discharged by issuing of a Fixed Penalty Notice. This policy will endeavour to ensure that legislation is enforced fairly and consistently to protect people from harm, support economic prosperity and ensure that no one member of the community can enjoy an unfair advantage by undertaking illegal activities. Enforcement action, whether that is verbal warnings, written warnings, statutory notices, fixed penalty notices, simple cautions or prosecution, is primarily based upon an assessment of risks to health, safety, environment and well-being of residents, visitors and persons who work in the Borough.

We recognise that the information provided about the policy (and in the enforcement of the policy) needs to be accessible to the intended audience and additional consideration has been given to ensuring that all community members understand their responsibilities. Consideration has particularly been given to the people who may have communication and language support needs (i.e. limited English speakers, Deaf BSL users and people with a learning difficulty or disabled people with other communication support need). Consideration has also been given to addressing the needs of those people who face barriers to accessing information online (when looking to raise awareness of this policy) and what it means for the people of Barnsley.

Reference

CR497

Initial Equality Impact Assessment

Current inequalities	Which groups may experience a differential impact in this service area before the policy/strategy implementation?			
	Protected characteristic	Details of group	Degree of inequality	+ve or -ve inequality
	Please select group from the drop-down list.	Describe in more detail which people in this protected characteristic group currently experience a differential impact and why. Eg "Transitioning employee's are not currently receiving appropriately tailored support when undergoing a workplace transition".	Please select the level of inequality experienced by the group (high, medium, low or none).	Is the inequality positive or negative for the group?
	No inequalities identified relevant to this project.	Available data shows no inequality in the enforcement of civil penalties as outlined in the policy.		

Future inequalities	Which groups may experience a differential impact in this service area after the policy/strategy implementation?			
	Protected characteristic	Details of group	Degree of inequality	Predicted improvement ?
	Please select group from the drop-down list.	Describe in more detail which people in this protected characteristic group will be affected and why. Eg "Disabled people with communication disabilities such as people with sensory impairments and people with learning difficulties because they may find using online services more difficult."	Please select the level of inequality likely to be experienced by the group after the policy/strategy implementation (high, medium, low or none).	Is the situation for this group likely to improve or become more unequal as a result of this policy/strategy?
	Ethnicity	The implementation of this policy will ensure that any communication needs are assessed and met by a variety of formats and by the use of interpreters, where appropriate. Further, educational materials about the responsible disposal of waste are available in pictorial form.	Low	No change

Disabled people	Enforcement Officers are able to identify the most vulnerable in communities who may have inadvertently breached legislation; in these cases, fines are not issued and relevant support services are contacted.	None	No change
Age	Data evidence shows that there is no single age group who are disproportionately fined for environmental issues	None	No change
People on a low income / people in vulnerable situations	Provision is in place to allow payment by instalments	None	No change

Next steps

Is a Full Equality Impact Assessment required?		
A Full EIA <u>may not</u> be required if there are either no or only minor equality impacts identified for this policy/strategy.		
A Full EIA <u>would be</u> required where there is likely to be either a high / medium negative inequality identified that is likely to get worse or to continue despite the policy/strategy.		
Is a full EIA required?	Details of Full EIA process - Who, how and when will this take place?	E+I team consulted?
No	Cases where communication needs or other vulnerabilities are identified are dealt with on a case-by-case; additionally, there is an appeals process in place.	Yes
		Date last consulted
		01/06/2018

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Health impacts

Initial Health Impact Assessment

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Area of impact	Details of health impact	Details of group(s) affected	Degree of impact
Please select type of impact from the drop-down list.	Describe in more detail what the impact on the health of local people might be (positive and negative impacts). Eg "The policy/strategy will improve the Council's recruitment and selection process, encouraging applications from under-represented groups" or "The policy/strategy might result in more people taking part in healthy lifestyle activities, including those from diverse groups".	Please describe which groups may be most affected by the health impacts (eg people on low incomes, people with existing medical conditions, older people, children etc).	Is the situation for this group likely to improve or become more unequal as a result of this policy/strategy?

Next steps

Full Health Impact Assessment		
Full HIA not usually required: If there are either no or only minor equality impacts identified for this policy/strategy then a Full HIA is not usually required.		
Full HIA usually required: Where there is likely to be either a high / medium health impact then a Full HIA will usually be required.		
Is a full HIA required?	Details of Full HIA process - Who, how and when will this take place?	Public Health Lead consulted?
		Date last consulted

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