

Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Briefing paper to: All Members of the Regeneration, Culture and Environment
Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Purpose:

To inform Members of the amount and type of fly tipping waste Ward by Ward using 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016 data and how the Council have removed the fly tips.

Member request on 16 June 2016 fly tipping on a Ward by Ward basis.

All reports of fly tipping to Medway Council are assessed by the Street Scene Enforcement Team by completing a desk top exercise. This is to determine the possibility of recovering evidence for potential prosecution. In these instances they are inspected by an Enforcement Officer. Where there is a likelihood of no evidence the Councils waste contractor removes the waste.

Fly tipping is also removed by a group of proactive Community Wardens before they have even been reported.

All fly tips are attended within one working day and in 15/16 Community Wardens addressed 2,442 fly tips, 1,899 removed on the same day (78%). This tonnage cleared amounted to 223 tonnes.

The Council always tries to engage with 'flytippers' where evidence has been found to resolve the incident before it becomes a prosecution through other enforcement mechanisms. These enforcement actions range from a written request to remove the dumped waste in the first incidents before this then escalating into fixed penalty notices and then finally prosecution. 69 fly tipping, littering and waste related cases were successfully prosecuted at Medway Magistrates Court this year with fines and costs totalling £37,820.

Appendix 1 shows the number of fly tips on a Ward by Ward basis by the category of waste as defined by the Department of Food and Rural Affairs Waste Data Flow. It also shows the top five roads for fly tipping for each Ward.

The map included with this briefing note shows a heat map by the number of fly tips by Ward.

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