

Chief Executive's Budget Proposal**OPTION: Litter and Dog Fouling Enforcement**

2015/16	2016/17	TOTAL
£000s	£000s	£000s
70	-	70

SUMMARY OF OPTION

Littering and dog fouling offences can impact adversely on the local environmental quality of Wirral. The Council has saved £1 million per year by targeting our street cleansing resources more efficiently. Many community groups have also risen to the challenge and play a significant role in keeping our borough clean and tidy. However, unfortunately, there are a minority of people that persist in discarding their rubbish irresponsibly. The Council proposes to launch a joint dog fouling and litter patrol team to target such offenders. A more generic team will maximise the limited resources available to tackle these problems.

IMPACT ON RESIDENTS

The proposals are a service enhancement to current service levels. In addition, longer term impacts should include a reduction in littering and dog fouling, leading to increased environmental quality and less demands on cleansing resources.

IMPACT ON PARTNERS

Wirral Council is in the process of delegating powers to Police Community Support Officers for the issuing of littering Fixed Penalty Notices.

IMPACT ON COMMUNITY, VOLUNTARY AND FAITH SECTOR

The new team will need to engage effectively with those local community groups that support the Council in achieving these outcomes.