

COMMITTEE	Communities Scrutiny Committee
DATE	21 May, 2015
TITLE	Street enforcement
PURPOSE	Preliminary Report on the intention to carry out a Scrutiny Enquiry on Street Enforcement arrangements
CABINET MEMBER	Coun. John Wyn Jones

1. Background

1.1 Gwynedd Council's Streetscene Service has a net annual budget of £300,150 and has the following staff resource:

Streetscene Manager
 2 Enforcement Officers
 3 Enforcement Wardens
 Administrative Officer
 Tidy Towns Officer (Welsh Government grant funding).

1.2 The responsibilities of the Service extends to Awareness Raising and Public Education on Environmental issues, implementing Graffiti, Needle and Lanterns policies; monitoring street cleansing performance and contributing to and leading on relevant initiatives .

1.3 The Streetscene Service is responsible for Street and Waste Enforcement which includes:

- Dog Control, litter, graffiti and fly-posting
- Fly-tipping, waste presentation, trade waste, waste transfer and duty of care.

1.4 Officers of the service are able to issue penalties for environmental crime. These are some recent statistics:

Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) issued during 2014-15	
Total number of FPNs issued	101
Number of FPNs issued by the Street Enforcement Team	100
Number of FPNs issued by other Council Officers/PCSOs	1
Number of warning letters issued	1,480
Number of successful prosecutions	2
Percentage of FPNs paid without further action	81%
Income received	£5,500

2. Scrutiny Enquiry

2.1 The Scrutiny Committee intends to hold a Scrutiny Enquiry on Street Enforcement during 2015/16, and the following are initial suggestions as to what the enquiry will investigate:

- performance in terms of enforcement, outcomes
- level of resources for the task of enforcement
- possibility for others to assist in enforcement e.g. police
- possibility as to the use of specialist companies to issue FPN's (ac currently used by both Conwy and Denbigh Councils).

3. Next Step

3.1 The Scrutiny Committee is to establish the team of Committee Members to hold the enquiry in addition to establishing the timescale for carrying out the enquiry.