

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2001

### INITIATIVES ON LITTER AND DOG FOULING: ANGUS COUNCIL

#### Report by the Director of Community Services

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Local Committee of Angus Council's Initiatives to deal with litter and dog fouling.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Approximately three years ago Angus Council launched a project where Council staff accompanied by Police Officers would patrol selected areas at certain times. Pre-warning of the places and times was given in local press (e.g lunchtime in town centres) and anyone seen to drop litter was asked to provide their name and address to the Police Officer and then issued with a £25 Fixed Penalty Notice by the Council Officer.

Since the project commenced 120 Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued.

- 2.2 The Council send a £25 Fixed Penalty Notice to individuals identified with bags of litter found fly-tipped in the Council area. Such identification usually relates to personal correspondence.
- 2.3 Three years ago the Council also arranged for the Dog Wardens to be accompanied by Police Officers in patrols of areas where dog fouling was considered to be a problem. On encountering a dog owner failing to clean-up the pet's mess, the Police Officer obtained their name and address and a report was submitted to the Procurator Fiscal. Ten individuals have been the subject of such reports in the last three years.

#### 3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The initiative on litter depends on the availability of Police Officers to accompany Council Officers when challenging members of the public seen to drop litter. On occasion, demands in Police time prevent patrols being carried out.

East Ayrshire Council has been considering the use of Fixed Penalty Notices since the spring and there is the possibility of this approach being introduced later in the year. The proposal is to be discussed with Senior Officers of Strathclyde Police.

3.2 The initiative on dog fouling is identical to that launched by East Ayrshire Council in 1997. East Ayrshire Council regularly issues press releases reminding dog owners about their responsibilities for cleaning up dog fouling.

#### **4. LEGAL/FINANCIAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Nil.

#### **5. CONCLUSIONS**

5.1 Angus Council have undertaken initiatives in the last three years to improve control on litter and dog fouling.

5.2 The initiative on dog fouling is identical to that introduced by East Ayrshire Council one year before.

#### **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 The Local Committee is invited to note the report.

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#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Nil**

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**AGENDA**