

RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION FOLLOWING SCRUTINY REVIEW

Title of Review:	Review of the Council’s Approach to Environmental Despoilment Education and Enforcement					
Timescale of Review:	July 2024 – June 2025		Post-Monitoring Period:	18 months commencing July 2025. 1 st Interim report due February 2026 (every 6 months).		
Date agreed by Scrutiny:	June 2025		Date agreed by Executive:	July 2025		
Total No. of Recommendations and Sub Recommendations	Achieved	10	On track	1	Extended	0
	Achieved (Behind target)	0	Overdue	0	Alert	0

Key Achievements:

The overwhelmingly majority of targets have been achieved within the 1st interim report.

Reasons for non-implementation of Recommendations:

PERFORM Code	Recommendation	Lead Officer	Target Date	Completion Date	Status	Resources	Progress/Action
CCCSC 24-25 2.1	That the Council undertakes a piece of work, led by the Assistant Director of Streetscene, Community Safety and Enforcement, to explore alternative ways of working to improve the level and effectiveness of environmental enforcement activity across Bolsover District	Identify and implement more effective enforcement methods that lead to increased compliance and reduced environmental despoilment across the District.	Dec 2026 (18 months)		Achieved	Staff resources	<u>First Interim Report</u> A review of the current service offer in relation to environmental enforcement has been carried out. This has resulted in Bolsover having 2 dedicated environmental enforcement officers within the community safety and enforcement team. The officers have been in place since January 2025 and this will be trialled over a 12 month period to establish what new ways of working can be achieved.
CCCSC 24-25 2.2	That the Council targets fly-tipping hotspots (such as top 5 most frequently visited from 2023/24 including Outgang Lane in Pleasley, Wood Lane in Shirebrook, and Talbot Street in Pinxton), through targeted	To reduce fly-tipping and deter offenders in these areas.	June 2026 (12 months)		Achieved	Staff resources Potentially additional Funding	<u>First Interim Report</u> This is complete, signage has been installed in the top 5 locations and regular patrols are carried out by Rangers and

	patrols and installation of surveillance cameras where appropriate.						Enforcement Officers. Where applicable surveillance systems are deployed.
CCCSC 24-25 2.3	That the Council prioritise completing the installation of the 15 metal signs and place additional signage in high-risk areas (such Outgang Lane in Pleasley, Wood Lane in Shirebrook, and Talbot Street in Pinxton) in lay-bys and secluded spots.	To deter and reduce rates of fly-tipping, increase awareness and encourage responsible behaviour.	June 2026 (12 months)		Achieved	Staff Resources Potentially additional Funding	<u>First Interim Report</u> Signage has been installed in all key locations which feature as frequent fly-tipping hotspots.
CCCSC 24-25 2.4	That the Council explores options for CCTV surveillance in fly-tipping hotspots.	To reduce fly-tipping and to catch and deter offenders.	Dec 2026 (18 months)		Achieved	Staff resources Potentially additional funding	<u>First Interim Report</u> CCTV is deployed to fly-tipping hotspots and the Community Safety and Enforcement Team are developing a new, in-house CCTV solution which is bespoke for deployment in such locations.
CCCSC 24-25 2.5	That the Council reintroduces regular quarterly meetings of the Corporate Enforcement Group (Streetscene, the	To improve coordination, communication, and problem-solving between	Dec 2025 (6 months)		Achieved	Staff resources	<u>First Interim Report</u> These are now taking place. The meetings provide officers the

	Enforcement Team and Environmental Health).	the departments to better address fly-tipping through shared insights and enhanced enforcement.					opportunity to discuss ongoing local issues where a partnership resolution is needed.
CCCSC 24-25 2.6	That the Council develops a clear process for evidence collection for fly-tipping sites that ensures evidence is properly managed.	To ensure the effective management and processing of evidence for fly-tipping incidents and increase the number of offenders caught.	June 2026 (12 months)		Achieved	Staff resources	<u>First Interim Report</u> Defined processes are in place for securing evidence from fly-tipping hotspots and enforcement officers now work alongside street cleansing teams to ensure prompt securing of evidence which can allow for prosecutions.
CCCSC 24-25 2.7	That the Council organises joint training sessions for the Enforcement team, Streetscene workers and Environmental Health that focuses on improving understanding of each team's roles; as well as bi-annual training for evidence collection, ensuring there is a specific process for collecting physical evidence.	Enhance mutual understanding of each team's roles ensuring smoother collaboration and more effective handling of fly-tipping incidents.	June 2026 (12 months)		Achieved	Staff resources	<u>First Interim Report</u> Joint Training using external providers has been carried out and this will be continuing over the coming 12 months. On the job training is also being provided, for example enforcement officers attending sites with street cleansing to explain the evidence gathering process.

<p>CCCSC 24-25 2.8</p>	<p>That the Council delivers public awareness campaigns to educate residents about the risks of hiring unlicensed waste collectors and provides clear, accessible guidance on how to verify waste carrier licences.</p>	<p>To raise awareness among residents about the risks of hiring unlicensed waste collectors to reduce illegal fly-tipping and promote responsible waste disposal practices.</p>	<p>June 2026 (12 months)</p>		<p>Achieved</p>	<p>Staff resources</p>	<p><u>First Interim Report</u></p> <p>This is ongoing. Social media posts about been used to advertise what enforcement have taken place including the outcomes from waste carrier operations with partner agencies. Further work to do in relation to waste carriers however Food Waste communications has taken priority so far.</p>
<p>CCCSC 24-25 2.9</p>	<p>That the Council enhance public information on fly-tipping and littering by regularly featuring updates on enforcement actions and responsible bulky waste removal options through existing communication channels and the newly established social media platforms, including the Bolsover District Council Facebook page.</p>	<p>To increase awareness of the negative impact of fly-tipping and improve education on the correct and responsible methods of removing bulky waste as well as making the public aware of the legal repercussions and enforcement</p>	<p>June 2026 (12 months)</p>		<p>Achieved</p>	<p>Staff resources</p>	<p><u>First Interim Report</u></p> <p><i>Streetscene Update:</i></p> <p>Bulky waste collections are advertised online via the BDC website and social media channels. Outcomes from littering enforcement including when fixed penalty notices are paid is also shared online via social media and the councils website.</p>

		powers of the Council.				<p><i>Communications Department Update:</i></p> <p>The Communications Team regularly receives updates from the Team Manager for Environmental Enforcement and Pest Control about recent FPNS that have been enforced. These are uploaded to the news section of our website, Facebook and included in the weekly News and Events e-newsletter. In the January 2026 issue of In Touch, there was a two page feature on the recent enforcement action. There is always a link provided to report or get more information on the waste in the article. The Communications team will continue to cover these stories.</p>
CCCSC 24-25 2.10	That the Council enhance transparency by publishing meaningful data and information on fly-tipping activities on the website and through social media,	To improve transparency and inform future enforcement and cleanup	June 2026 (12 months)		Achieved	<p>Staff Resources</p> <p><u>First Interim Report</u></p> <p><i>Communications Department Update:</i></p> <p>As above.</p>

	that demonstrate what the Council is doing to tackle environmental despoilment.	efforts while also benchmarking against other local councils' practices.					<p><i>Streetscene Update:</i></p> <p>The most meaningful information is the outcome from an investigation, whether fine or prosecution. As such, these are published on the councils website and social media, with lots of positive comments following when they are published. All outcomes are now published to demonstrate what is being done to tackle environmental crime.</p>
CCCSC 24-25 2.11	That the Council provide advice on how to handle hazardous items such as needles and syringes, ensuring residents are informed on the safe disposal of such materials and the risks associated with handling them improperly.	To ensure residents are informed about the safe disposal of hazardous items to promote safety and prevent harm while also benchmarking against other local councils' practices.	June 2026 (12 months)		On track	Staff Resources	<p><u>First Interim Report</u></p> <p>This needs further work.</p>

