

ECDC Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA) (updated June 2021)

Please complete all areas of this form and return to Richard Kay for approval.

Please see separate guidance note for more information on how to complete this form.

Important Note: This full CIA does not need adding to your committee report. However, the answer to Q10 of this CIA should be the exact words you do add to your committee report. Therefore, please make sure your response to Q10 is clear, is what you want to be made public and can be read as a 'stand alone' paragraph(s).

SECTION 1: Proposal Details

1. Proposal name (eg the title of the report to Committee):

Environmental Crime Fixed Penalty Notices Charge Structure 2023

2. Please indicate who the decision maker will be (eg name of Committee, or Full Council):

Operational services committee

3. Please provide a brief description of the proposal including the proposed outcomes:

FPN's are a civil enforcement sanction and are used by Local Authorities as an alternative to prosecution for certain offences such as fly tipping, dog fouling, littering, graffiti, fly posting etc.
From 31st July 2023 Regulations were introduced to raise the upper limit of fixed penalty notices for littering, graffiti and fly posting offences from £150 to £500; for household waste duty of care offences from £400 to £600; and for fly tipping offences from £400 to £1,000. Penalties for other offences remain unchanged.
The proposal is to adopt a matrix to enable higher penalty charges to be applied, and to provide a means by which the council can apply the higher penalty charges to the more serious environmental offences, the aim being to reduce the incidences of environmental crime.

4. Project or Proposal end or completion date (if applicable):

To be adopted from 1st Jan 2024.

SECTION 2: Proposal Impact

5. Now consider whether any of the following aspects will be affected

(Note: the questions are split into any impact on the Council and then any impact on the wider District)

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Aspect	Likely carbon impact			Commentary <i>Please explain why it is likely to have this effect</i>
	+ve	-ve	neutral	
Buildings Energy				
Will the proposal have an impact on the COUNCIL's energy consumption via buildings (consider electricity, gas, oil & heating of buildings/water)? If the proposal involves the acquisition or sale of a building or equipment, in the commentary box explain energy efficiency been considered?			x	

Will the proposal have an impact on the DISTRICT's energy consumption via buildings (consider electricity, gas, oil & heating of buildings/water)?			x	
Travel				
Will the proposal have an impact on the COUNCIL's energy consumption via travel (e.g. petrol/diesel usage)?	x			The threat of higher penalty charges may decrease the number of fly tips and littering that occurs within the district, thereby decreasing the number of officer inspections required to investigate dumped waste and supporting a decrease in the associated vehicle movements required to clear and dispose of the waste.
Will the proposal have an impact on the DISTRICT's energy consumption via travel (e.g. petrol/diesel usage)?	x			As above.
Water				
Will the proposal have an impact on the COUNCIL's water usage?			x	
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Renewable Energy				
Will the proposal have an impact on the COUNCIL's creation or use of renewable energy?			x	
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Embodied Carbon (sometimes referred to as embodied energy)				
Does the proposal include the construction of buildings or other significant infrastructure, or the significant production of equipment (eg a vehicle)?			X	No
Will measures be included to procure buildings/infrastructure/products which are known to have a lower embodied carbon content?			x	No

Natural Environment				
Are there any further ways in which your proposal will have an impact on the natural environment? For example, biodiversity, tree planting, land management etc.	x			A reduction in environmental crime will also deliver an increase in the quality of the local environment, a reduction in associated environmental pollution and contamination and associated improvements in public perception of the local environment.

SECTION 3: Actions

6. Have any of the above impacts identified been quantified and if not, is this possible as part of the project?

Impact of the introduction of a new fee policy will be monitored using data on number of fly tips and/or number of FPN's and prosecutions.

7. Can any negative carbon impacts identified be justified as appropriate or necessary when considering other benefits of the project?

n/a

8. What steps, if any, will you take to reduce any negative carbon impact of the project?

n/a

9. Carbon impacts should be monitored as the project progresses. If you have identified any impacts, what information will you use to manage this process?

Data on number of fly tips will continue to be monitored and any reductions or increases identified.

10. Provide an overall summary to be included in your covering report.

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A reduction in environmental crime will also deliver an increase in the quality of the local environment, a reduction in associated environmental pollution and contamination and associated improvements in public perception of the local environment.

11. Officer details and assessment approval

Please complete your details and return for approval

Assessment completed by:	Karen See
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Service Lead sign off:	
Date Initial Assessment completed:	18 th Oct 2023.
Approval	
Date approved by Richard Kay together with any additional comments:	