



Title of Report:	Private Contractor Litter Enforcement Statistics (WISE)
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	8th March 2022
For Decision or For Information	For Information

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Climate Change and our environment
Outcome	Increase capacity of Litter enforcement service to improve deterrent rates and reduce amount of litter across the Borough
Lead Officer	Head of Health & Built Environment

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	N/A
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	N/A
Code	21451
Staffing Costs	NIL

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 **Purpose of Report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members on the private contractors first 6 months of operation.

2.0 **Background (to include any previous decisions of Council)**

2.1 Further to report item ES210810 Item 22, members will be aware that this service commenced 2nd August 2021.

2.2. Statistical information for the period 2nd August 2021 to 28th February 2022 of operation are provided in Tables below

Table 1. No of Fixed Penalties per Month (August 2021 – February 2022)

Month	Offence Type Count
August	748
September	507
October	235
November	157
December	67
January	135
February	101
Total	1956

Table 2. Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's) Issued by Offence type (August 2021 – February 2022)

Offence Type	Offence Type Count	Percentage
Dog Fouling-Dog Fouling	41	2.1
Littering-Alcoholic Drinks	7	0.36
Littering-Bottle	55	2.81
Littering-Bottle Top	6	0.31
Littering-Chewing Gum	31	1.58
Littering-Cigar	1	0.05
Littering-Cigarette Butt	1111	56.8
Littering-Confectionary Packs	34	1.74
Littering-Discarded Food	24	1.23
Littering-Face Mask	2	0.1
Littering-Fast Food Related	33	1.69
Littering-Food Wrapper	20	1.02
Littering-Non-Alcoholic Drinks Related	12	0.61
Littering-Other Litter	103	5.27
Littering-Packaging	32	1.64
Littering-Printed Literature	17	0.87
Littering-Rolled up cigarette	277	14.16
Littering-Scratch Card	31	1.58

Offence Type	Offence Type Count	Percentage
Littering-Snack Packs	38	1.94
Littering-Soft Drink Bottle	25	1.28
Littering-Soft Drink Can	31	1.58
Littering-Sweet Wrapper	25	1.28
Total:	1956	

2.3 Litter Composition Report 2019/20 compiled by Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful produced the graphic below which highlights the categories of littered items and the amount of litter that could be on our streets at any one time.

OUTLINE OF LITTER ON NORTHERN IRELAND STREETS

These figures are extrapolated to show how much litter is potentially on our streets at any one time.

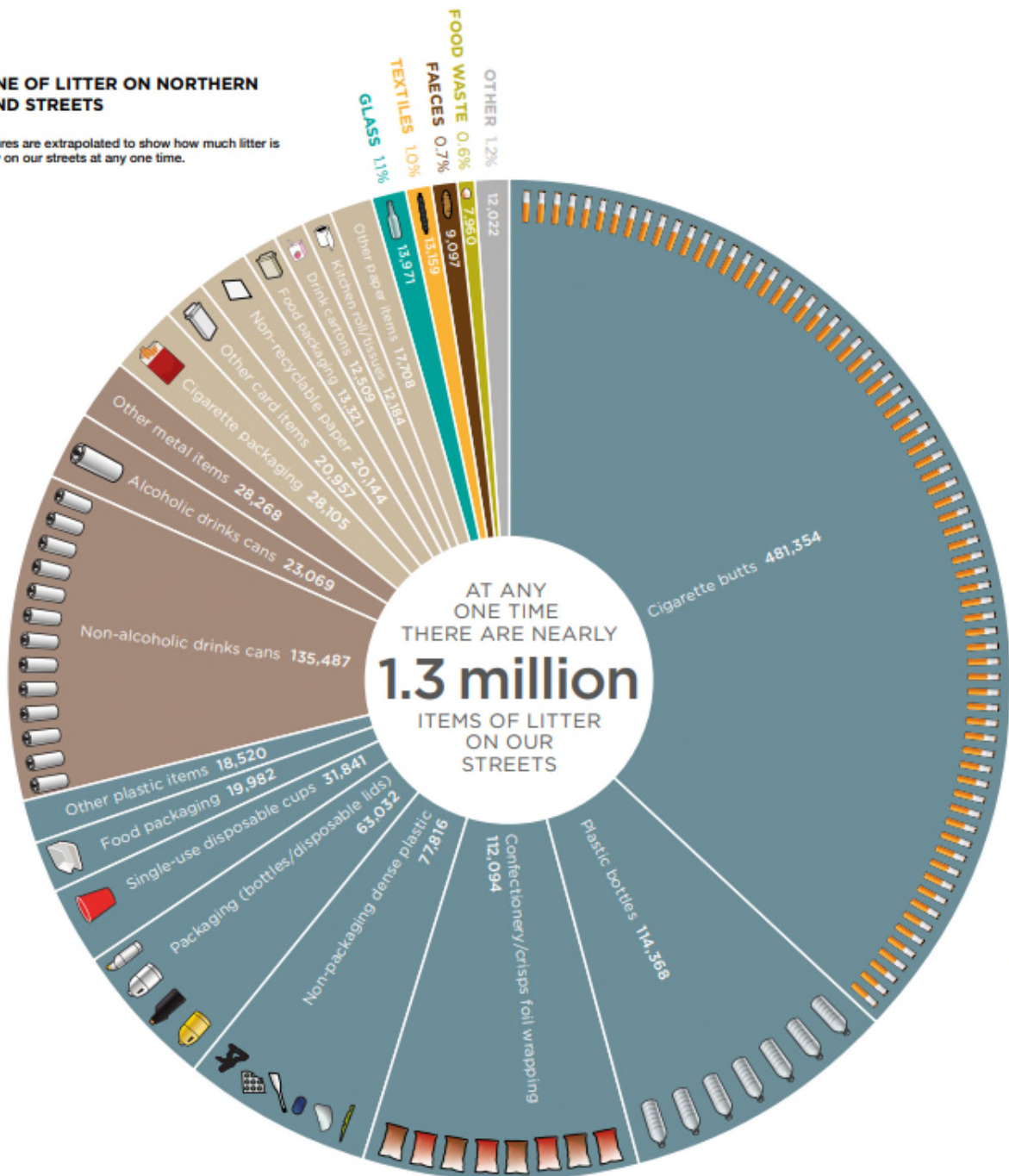


Table 3. Fixed Penalty Notices issued by town/area (August 2021 – February 2022)

Town	Town Count	Percentage
Ballarena	1	0.05%
Ballintoy	2	0.10%
Ballycastle	22	1.12%
Ballymoney	218	11.15%
Bushmills	7	0.36%
Castlerock	8	0.41%
Coleraine	1296	66.26%
Cushendall	1	0.05%
Dervock	1	0.05%
Downhill	2	0.10%
Dungiven	1	0.05%
Dunloy	1	0.05%
Garvagh	6	0.31%
Kilrea	1	0.05%
Limavady	187	9.56%
Portballintrae	2	0.10%
Portrush	166	8.49%
Portstewart	32	1.64%
Rasharkin	2	0.10%
Total:	1956	

- 2.4 Officers continue to be deployed across the Borough, 7 days per week to detect offences with the aim of reducing the amount of litter across the Borough.
- 2.5 Members are reminded that should they wish to accompany any of the officers on patrol to observe first-hand how they engage with the public, that may be arranged.
- 2.6 All those that have been given a FPN have the right of representation directly to the company to challenge the issue. Details are provided on the FPN and on the Councils website.
<https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/live/health-and-built-environment/environment-health-and-well-being/environmental-health/litter-enforcement>

- 2.7 For those who do not have internet access an address for written representations can be provided.
- 2.8 Council officers will continue to work with WISE officers targeting litter hotspots and promoting anti-litter initiatives such as the Butt Ballot boxes, use of litter bins, and the Green Dog Walker scheme.

3.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Environmental Service Committee recommends to Council to note the above.