



Title of Report:	Outcome of Legal Proceedings
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	8th November 2022
For Decision or For Information	For Information

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Healthy and Engaged Communities
Outcome	Implementation of statutory requirements
Lead Officer	Head of Health & Built Environment

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	N/A
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES
Capital/Revenue	N/A
Code	N/A
Staffing Costs	N/A

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	N/A	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	N/A	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	N/A	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:

1.0 **Purpose of Report**

1.1 The purpose of this report to update members on the outcome of recent legal proceedings.

2.0 **Background**

2.1 Council is the enforcing authority for a wide range of legislation. This enforcement role has been delegated to the staff of the Environmental Services Directorate.

3.0 **Outcome of Legal Proceedings**

3.1 The following cases were referred for legal proceedings and recently heard at Coleraine Magistrates Court. The results of prosecution are as follows:

3.2 **Unlicensed/Stray Dog**

Ref. No.	Offence(s)	Result of Proceedings
LC113327 & LC1114119 (same offender)	Keeping of an Unlicensed dog contrary to Article 17 (1) of the Dogs (NI) Order 1983 Allowing a dog to stray contrary Article 22(1) of the Dogs (NI) Order 1983 and breach of a control condition contrary to 30(F) of the Dogs (NI) Order 1983	Conviction Defendant was fined £450 in total for all 3 offences and order to pay £75 legal costs, £58 court costs together with £15 offender levy.

3.3 **Dog Attacks a person and another dog**

Ref. No.	Offence(s)	Result of Proceedings
LC1112491	A dog attack on a dog contrary to Article 28 (1) (b) of the Dogs (NI) Order 1983 and a dog attack on a person contrary to Article 29 (1) of the Dogs (NI) Order A Staffordshire Bull Terrier ran out from the owners front garden and attacked a cocker spaniel and inflicted a bite to the lip of the pregnant lady walking the dog. The owner initially pled not guilty but entered a plea of guilty on the day of the contest.	Conviction Fine: £500 for the offence of a dog attack on a person and £250 for the offence of a dog attack on another dog. Legal costs and court costs were also granted along with an offender levy

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 It is recommended that the above information is noted.