

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting19th April 2018

1. Title of Item/Report

Littering Fixed Penalty Notice Tariff

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that outlined some of the changes around legislation relating to littering and in particular how the offence was dealt with in Stockton-on-Tees.

Cleaning up the streets and countryside costs the taxpayer almost £800 million a year and so maximum on-the-spot fines for dropping litter would almost double from April next year from the limit of £80 to £150 in order to deter and punish the anti-social minority who continued to drop rubbish.

In future councils would also be able to impose these fines on the owners of vehicles from which litter was thrown, even if it was discarded by someone else. The government was clear these fines should not be abused simply as a means of raising money, so guidance on how fines should be applied would be issued to councils.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The Fixed Penalty for littering be set at £130.00.

The minimum Fixed Penalty for littering be set at £90.00 if paid within 7 days.

3. Reasons for the Decision

This sets a clear deterrent factor to would be offenders whilst also taking into account the time and money spent on investigating and removing littering from our communities and town centre areas.

The use of a fixed penalty notice should be used instead of Court action, with the exception of the following instances;

- The offender has relevant past convictions for related offences
- The offender has shown no sign of remorse, acceptance or correcting behaviour

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight, 27 April 2018

Proper Officer
23 April 2018