



<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Enforcement Update</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>Environmental Services Committee</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	<b>For Information</b>
<b>To be discussed In Committee</b>	<b>NO</b>

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)</b>	
Strategic Theme	Local Economy
Outcome	Implementation of statutory requirements
Lead Officer	Head of Health & Built Environment

<b>Estimated Timescale for Completion</b>	
Date to be Completed	N/A

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

<b>Legal Considerations</b>	
Input of Legal Services Required	<b>NO</b>
Legal Opinion Obtained	<b>NO</b>

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

## 1.0 **Purpose of Paper**

The purpose of this paper is to update Members on the outcomes 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 **Legal Proceedings Outcomes**

3.1 The following dog cases was referred for legal proceedings and heard at Coleraine Magistrates Court on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026. The results of prosecution are as follows

### 3.3 Dog Attack on a Person

<b>Offence(s)</b>	<b>Result of Proceedings</b>
Allowing a dog to attack a person, contrary to Article 29(2) of the Dogs (NI) Order 1983 as amended.  A Staffordshire Bull Terrier bit a child on the face.	Conviction Fine: £750 Court costs of £131 were granted along with an offender levy of £15.  The Court also imposed a Contingent Destruction Order in relation to the dog requiring it to be kept in such a manner that poses no risk to the public. Failure to comply with this Order will result in dog being humanely destroyed.

### 3.4 Unlicenced dogs

<b>Offence(s)</b>	<b>Result of Proceedings</b>
Keeping two dogs without a valid licence contrary to Article 17 (1) of the Dogs (NI) Order 1983 following failure to pay fixed penalties.	Conviction Fine: £200 Court costs of £119 were also granted along with an offender levy of £15.

#### **4.0 Fixed Penalty Notices Issued**

##### **4.1 Period November 2025 – January 2026**

<b>Offence</b>	<b>Legislation Contravened</b>	<b>No. Issued</b>
Fly tipping	Article 4 Waste and Contaminated Land (NI) Order 1997	2
Householder duty of care	Article 5 Waste and Contaminated Land (NI) Order 1997	4
Unlicensed dog	Article 3 of The Dogs (NI) Order 1983 as amended.	2

#### **5.0 Recommendation**

It is recommended that Environmental Services Committee notes the information above.