



Title of Report:	Enforcement Update
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	9th June 2026
For Decision or For Information	For Information
To be discussed In Committee	NO

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

Estimated Timescale for Completion	
Date to be Completed	N/A

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

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	NO

Screening Requirements	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 and enforcement activity.

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 control cases were referred for legal proceedings and heard at Coleraine Magistrates Court on 1st May 2026. The results of prosecution are as follows

3.2 Dog Attack on dog

Offence(s)	Result of Proceedings
Dog Attack on Dog Contrary to Article 28(2) of The Dogs (NI) Order 1983 as amended. Staffordshire bull terrier cross type dog attacked a poodle cross type dog.	Conviction Fine: £150 Court costs of £127 were granted along with an offender levy of £15.
Dog Attack on Dog Contrary to Article 28(2) of The Dogs (NI) Order 1983 as amended. Akita type dog attacked a Pomadoodle type dog.	Conviction Conditional discharge for 12 months Court costs £127 were granted along with an offender levy of £15

3.3 Unlicensed dogs

Offence(s)	Result of Proceedings
Keeping a dog without a valid licence contrary to Article 17 (1) of the Dogs (NI) Order 1983	Conviction Fine: £200 Court costs of £111 were also granted along with an offender levy of £15.
Keeping two dogs without a valid licence contrary to Article 17 (1) of the Dogs (NI) Order 1983.	Conviction Fine: £300 Court costs of £115 were also granted along with an offender levy of £15.

3.4 Straying

Offence(s)	Result of Proceedings
Allowing dogs to stray contrary to Article 22(1) of The Dogs (NI) Order 1983 as amended.	Conviction Fine: £300 Court costs of £127 were granted along with an offender levy of £15.

4.0 **Fixed Penalty Notices Issued**

4.1 **Period February 2026 – April 2026**

Offence	Legislation Contravened	No. Issued
Householder duty of care	Article 5 Waste and Contaminated Land (NI) Order 1997	3
Littering	Article 3 (1) The Litter Order (NI) 1994	3
Failure by a landlord to provide sufficient smoke or fire alarms in a privately rented dwelling.	Article 11 B of the Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006	1

5.0 **Private enforcement with National Enforcement Solutions/3GS**

5.1 Council's contract with National Enforcement Solutions (NES)/3GS commenced on 11 May 2026, with a team of three officers accompanied by training officers on patrol.

5.2 Recruitment continues and, in due course, there will be a team of seven officers. They aim to tackle dog fouling, litter and fly tipping across the Borough targeting hotspot areas. From the 8 June they will be on patrol from 7am to 7pm Monday to Saturday.

6.0 **Recommendation**

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