Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council

Title of Report:	**Enforcement Update**
Committee Report Submitted To:	**Environmental Services Committee**
Date of Meeting:	**10th November 2026**
For Decision or For Information	**For Information**
To be discussed In Committee	**No**

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Climate Change and our Environment
Outcome	Reduce environmental crime across the Borough through strengthened enforcement capacity, increased deterrence and improved compliance.
Lead Officer	Head of Health & Built Environment

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:	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:

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on the outcomes of recent legal proceedings, enforcement activity and the first six months of operation of the private litter enforcement contract delivered by National Enforcement Solutions (NES)/3GS.

2.0 Legal Proceedings Outcomes

2.1 The following enforcement cases were referred for legal proceedings and heard at Coleraine Magistrates Court from June to October. The results of proceedings are as follows:

2.2 Sheep Worrying

Offences	Result of Proceedings (June 2026)
Sheep worrying Article 28 (2) (b) of the Dogs (NI) Order 1983 Allowing a dog on any land where livestock are present contrary to Article 25 (1) (b) of the Dogs (NI) Order 1983 Keeping a dog without a valid licence contrary to Article 17 (1) of the Dogs (NI) Order 1983.	Conviction Total Fine for 3 charges: £500 Court costs of £139 were also granted along with an offender levy of £15. Vet cost £104.74 Compensation Order – £260 Contingent Destruction Order made to include the condition – *"kept confined in a building, shed, yard or other enclosure from which it cannot escape"*

2.3 Unlicenced Dogs

Offence	Result of Proceedings (June 2026)
Keeping a dog without a valid licence contrary to Article 17 (1) of the Dogs (NI) Order 1983	Conviction Fine: £150 Court costs of £218 were also granted along with an offender levy of £15.

2.4 Straying

Offence	Result of Proceedings (June 2026)
Allowing dogs to stray contrary to Article 22(1) of The Dogs (NI) Order 1983 as amended.	Conviction Fine: £150 Court costs of £99 were granted along with an offender levy of £15.

2.5 Fly Tipping

Offence	Result of Proceedings (Aug) 2026)
Duty of Care – Article 5 of The Waste and Contaminated Land (NI) Order 1997	Conviction Fine: £350 Court costs of £124 were granted along with an offender levy of £15.

2.6 Food Hygiene

Offences	Result of Proceedings (Sept) 2026)
Hygiene contraventions under Regulation 852/2004 Annex II Operating beyond the scope of premises approval in contravention of Regulation 853/2004 Article 4	Emergency Prohibition Order granted.

3.0 Fixed Penalty Notices Issued (Council Teams)

3.1 **Period May 2026 – Oct 2026**

Offence	Legislation Contravened	No. Issued
Fly Tipping Householder Duty of Care	Article 5 Waste and Contaminated Land (NI) Order 1997	3
Littering	Article 3 (1) The Litter Order (NI) 1994	8
Dog Fouling	Article 40 (3) (a) of The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environmental Act (NI) 2011	4
No dog Licence	Article 3 of The Dogs (NI) Order 1983 as amended.	5

Invalid Food Hygiene Rating Displayed	Section 10(1) of the Act Food Hygiene Rating Act (NI) 2016 (as amended)	1
Smoking in a smoke free vehicle	Article 8(2) of the Smoking (N.I.) Order 2006	3
Smoking in a vehicle with a person under the age of 18 years present	Article 8(2) of the Smoking (N.I.) Order 2006	1
Sale of tobacco to a person under the age of 18 years	Article 3 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1978.	1
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
Failure to register as a landlord under the Landlord Registration Scheme.	Article 65A(4) of The Private Tenancies (N.I.) Order 2006 as amended.	1

4.0 National Enforcement Solutions (Private Enforcement Contract)

4.1 Background

4.2 Further to ES260609 and CM260630 members will be aware that Council's contract with National Enforcement Solutions (NES)/3GS commenced on 11 May 2026.

4.3 Statistical information for the period 11 May to 30 September 2026 is set out in the tables overpage.

Table 1. No of Fixed Penalty Notices issued per Month

Month	FPN Issued	Paid
May	212	100
June	177	97
July	119	73
August	86	59
September	50	33

Table 2. Fixed Penalty Notices issued by offence type

Offence	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
Cigarette Butt	201	164	110	70	40
SR Waste	-	5	4	-	-
Dog Fouling	-	2	1	1	1
Other Litter	3	1	-	-	1
Packaging	3	3	-	3	-
Alcoholic Drinks	-	1	-	-	1
Fly tipping Business	1	-	-	-	-
Household Duty of Care	-	-	2	-	-
Soft drink can	1	-	-	2	-
Sweet Wrapper	1	1	-	-	-
Snack pack	-	-	1	1	-
Fast food related	1	-	-	-	-
Rolled up cigarette	1	-	-	-	-
Printed Literature	-	-	1	-	1
Dog Control Order - Exclusion Zone	-	-	-	6	6
Chewing gum	-	-	-	3	-

Table 3. Patrol hours % by area

Area	June	July	Aug	Sept
Ballymoney	15	12	10	10
Coleraine	27	28	20	22
Portstewart	7	8	10	8
Portrush	8	11	15	12
Limavady	6	5	3	6
Ballycastle	5	4	8	6
Bushmills	4	4	5	5
Dervock	2	2	2	2
Castlerock	3	3	2	2
Articlave	2	2	2	2
Garvagh	3	3	3	3
Rasharkin	3	3	3	3
Dunloy	2	2	2	2
Cloughmills	3	3	3	3
Ballykelly	3	3	3	3
Greysteel	2	2	2	2
Portballintrea	3	3	3	3
Armoy	1	1	1	1
Stranocum	1	1	1	1
Cushendun	-	-	1	1
Waterfoot	-	-	1	1
Dungiven	-	-	-	2

4.4 At present, two enforcement officers are deployed daily. Recruitment is ongoing with the objective of establishing a full team of seven officers.

4.5 Persons issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice may submit written representations to NES at representations@nesgroup.uk.

4.6 Intelligence and complaint data relating to problem areas will continue to inform targeted enforcement activity across the Borough.

5.0 Recommendation

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