

Title of Report:	Private Enforcement Contractor Update
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	8th September 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 provide Members with an update on the first three months of operation of the private litter enforcement contract delivered by National Enforcement Solutions (NES)/3GS.

2.0 **Background**

- 2.1 Further to ES260609 and CM260630 members will be aware that Council's contract with National Enforcement Solutions (NES)/3GS commenced on 11 May 2026.
- 2.2 Statistical information for the period 11 May to 31 July 2026 is set out in the tables below.

Table 1. No of Fixed Penalty Notices issued per Month

Month	FPN Issued	Paid
May	212	100
June	177	97
July	119	73

Table 2. Fixed Penalty Notices issued by offence type

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

Table 3. Patrol hours % by area

Area	June	July
Ballymoney	15%	12%
Coleraine	27%	28%
Portstewart	7%	8%
Portrush	8%	11%
Limavady	6%	5%
Ballycastle	5%	4%
Bushmills	4%	4%
Dervock	2%	2%
Castlerock	3%	3%
Articlave	2%	2%
Garvagh	3%	3%
Rasharkin	3%	3%
Dunloy	2%	2%
Cloughmills	3%	3%
Ballykelly	3%	3%
Greysteel	2%	2%
Portballintrea	3%	3%
Armoy	1%	1%
Stranocum	1%	1%

- 2.3 At present, two enforcement officers are deployed daily. Recruitment is ongoing with the objective of establishing a full team of seven officers.
- 2.4 Persons issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice may submit written representations to NES at representations@nesgroup.uk.
- 2.5 Intelligence and complaint data relating to problem areas will continue to inform targeted enforcement activity across the Borough.

3.0 Recommendation

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