

**COUNCIL SEMINAR
18th April, 2017**

Present:- Councillor Hoddinott (in the Chair); Councillors Albiston, Allcock, Allen, Andrews, Atkin, Beaumont, Bird, Buckley, Clark, Cooksey, Cowles, Cusworth, Cutts, Cutts, Elliott, Jarvis, Jepson, Jones, McNeely, Mallinder, Napper, Read, Sheppard, Simpson, Steele, Taylor, John Turner, Vjestica, Walsh, Williams and Wyatt.

ENFORCEMENT

Councillor Hoddinott, Cabinet Member for Waste, Roads and Community Safety and Chairman, welcomed Karen Hanson, Assistant Director for Community Safety and Streetscene, and Lewis Coates, Head of Enforcement, who gave a brief overview of the services within Regeneration and Environment, and the functions within Community Safety and Streetscene.

It was, therefore, noted that this seminar would provide a whistle stop tour and bring together the enforcement functions of the Council, highlight what the Council could do, the powers afforded and who to contact.

With the aid of powerpoint and several photographs the presentation highlighted:-

- Regeneration and Environment – legislative compliance and visible and invisible enforcement.
- Enforcement teams.
- Statutory nuisances and prejudice to health including noise, waste, dog faeces, fly posting and littering.
- Private sector housing enforcement – health and safety concerns.
- Public health concerns relating to filth and verminous, courtyards and passageways and pest control.
- Public health concerns relating to air quality and vehicle pollutants, industrial pollutants, contaminated land and closed landfill.
- Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and the Policing Act, 2014.
- Business regulation including food hygiene and safety, infectious diseases, unfit food and health and safety, Trading Standards and animal health.
- Planning enforcement under Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- Parking enforcement including Blue Badge fraud and Penalty Charge Notices.
- Strengthening enforcement.

Discussion ensued with the following issues raised/highlighted:-

- Enforcement rules around parking on grass verges, roads and pavements.

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- Noise nuisance associated with barking dogs.
- Disposal of noise making equipment and whether this could be donated to charitable organisations.
- Illegal parking on double yellow lines and regular hot spot areas.
- Proposed service station at junction 33 of the M1 and levels of pollution.
- Pest control and current services both chargeable and non-chargeable.
- Perception of fly tipping numbers increase and strategy for combatting the blight in rural locations.
- Increases in fly posting and separating the legitimate from those erected illegally.
- Responsibility on landowners for removal of waste dumped on private land.

The Chair thanked Members for their attendance, officers for their informative presentation and welcomed any further suggestions for future seminars.

Details of the fixed penalty pilot along with pest control services was also to be circulated to all Members and any specific hotspot area details within wards forwarded on.