

DOG FOULING REPORT

As you will be aware Saltash, like many other towns, has a problem with dog fouling waste not picked up by the owners, leaving the waste where it falls in areas such as parks, footways and public rights of way.

To help combat this problem, we have looked at the possibility of STC officers within the Service Delivery Department being trained as Enforcement Officers, this will enable the staff to issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's) to the owner of dogs who do not pick up the dog waste.

Cornwall Council provide enforcement to all of their areas in Cornwall, including Saltash. Cornwall Council information shows that that there have been 60 FPN's issued for dog fouling in Saltash since 2017/18. Data as follows:

- 2017/18 – 9 issued
- 2018/19 – 23 issued
- 2019/20 – 16 issued
- 2020/21 – 12 issued
- 2021/22 – 3 issued

Cornwall Council also provide the dog waste enforcement signs that can be purchased by STC, the current could not be provided. Previously they were approximately £16.00 to £18.00 per sign.

STC currently has three officers who have undertaken the Enforcement Officer Training with Cornwall Council. Two of these do not work in the Service Delivery Department. The one officer within the Service Delivery Department who has completed the Enforcement Officer Training is now part of the management team.

Cornwall Council can provide Enforcement Officer Training at a cost of £100.00 per person. With seven SDGA's and one Manager without the training at present, there is a need for eight members of the team to be trained.

Once trained and licenced, STC trained officers will be licenced to issue FPN's to members of the public who do not pick up after their dog. STC can also issue FPN's for other Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) offences such as littering and dogs on beaches.

STC would receive 50% of any FPN's paid to Cornwall Council when the tickets are issued by STC Enforcement officers.

STC officers who complete the Enforcement Officer Training will act as a back-up service to the Cornwall Council Enforcement Officers.

Proposal for eight members of the Service Delivery Department to undertake Enforcement Officer Training at a total cost of £800.00.

Budget - Services Staff Training Expenditure code 6676 - available balance £8,094

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Service Delivery Manager**