

Request:

1. Does the Council deliver on-the-ground enforcement functions such as issuing fixed penalty notices for anti-social behaviour, littering and fly tipping, and if so, how (directly, contracted out, etc.)?
2. Does the Council deal with abandoned and/or untaxed vehicles, if so, how?
3. Does the Council deal with unlawful encampments and traveller incursions, if so, how?
4. If yes to either 1, 2 or 3, does an enforcement strategy exist, and can this be provided?
5. In the last 5 financial years, how much has your authority recovered through Fixed Penalty Notices, fines and other actions as a result of enforcement action for these activities?
6. In the last 5 financial years, how much has been spent on delivering these enforcement activities (for ease, if these form the substantive part of a department or team's responsibilities, please provide its combined net revenue budget)?
7. Please provide any internal email correspondence and documents (including service reviews and committee reports) which relate to any consideration of reviewing expenditure on the aforementioned enforcement functions within the last 2 years.

Response:

1. Yes. A number of delegated staff are able to issue FPN's around our Public Space Protection Order



Reference: FOI-418

(<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/sites/default/files/web-page-related-files/Summary%20of%20PSPOs.pdf>) as well as fly-tipping where a perpetrator can be identified. They do not issue fines for ASB but investigate cases and look at warnings via verbal or written and any other appropriate/proportionate actions that can lead to legal actions.

2. Yes. NTC will check to see if the vehicle is taxed and has a valid MOT. If it does not have these a notice is placed on the windscreen giving notice the vehicle will be removed and the authority liaises with Northumbria Police abandoned vehicle scheme "AVAIL" to assist.
3. Yes. A notice is initially prepared by the Legal department and is served on the illegal occupants of Council owned land by the Community Protection team, advising that they are to vacate the land immediately to avoid any further action being taken. In any event that the illegal occupants have not vacated the land, a s.77 Notice, in accordance with the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, is then served by Community Protection with Police presence requesting that the occupants vacate with immediate effect. Legal Services will also apply for a Court hearing date and will prepare the necessary court papers for attendance at the Court hearing. Subject to the Court granting a Possession Order, Legal Services will contact the Community Protection Team to make arrangements for the Order to be served on the travellers, again with Police presence. In the event that the Council owned land has still not been vacated after the serving the Possession Order, a Warrant of Eviction is then served by bailiffs in conjunction with the Police. In any event that it is established that privately owned land is being illegally occupied in the borough, The Environmental Health and Public Protection team are asked to notify the landowner.
4. This information is refused in answer to this request under the FOI Act 2000, section 21, as the information is accessible by other means.



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Please see the following links with the requested information about policy/strategy:

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/691/statement-enforcement-policy>

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/1120/public-spaces-protection-orders>

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/117/report-anti-social-behaviour>

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/1452/traveller-communities>

Please also find attached latest version of NTCs Travellers Protocol.

5. Total recovered from FPNs issued in relation to NTC's PSPO = £14,625 for 2018-2022.
6. Information is not held specifically on the cost of delivering enforcement activities. However, the annual cost of supplying Community Protection services across the borough which includes some enforcement activities are as follows:

2017/18: £0.284m

2018/19: £0.381m

2019/20: £0.428m

2020/21: £0.505m

2021/22: £0.437m

7. No information held. No such review has taken place in the last 2 years.