

**MEMBER QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER at Place Scrutiny Committee –
13 September 2018 - Questions from Councillor Prowse**

Response to be made by Councillor David Harvey Portfolio Holder Place & Commercialisation

Question 1

I understand that the outsourced enforcement team have commenced duties in this City and no doubt concentrating on ‘offenders’ ‘ responsible for dropping litter.

Can the Portfolio Holder brief the Committee on the success to date?

Response – There had been an excellent success.

Question 2

Are they just limiting themselves to litter enforcement?

Response - Although the primary focus was on litter issues, the contractor was able to deal with other environmental enforcement such as fly posting. He also advised that this may be explored later during the 12 month pilot scheme, but the initial task was to help reduce the amount of litter discarded, by changing people’s behaviour through both education and enforcement. The uniformed presence of the team on the street and in parks was expected to provide a deterrent to other forms of anti-social behaviour too.

Question 3

How many ‘offenders’ have been dealt with by way of on the spot penalties?

Response - During August, 224 fixed penalty notices were issued to individuals. This had mainly been in the city centre area whilst the team has undergone training but penalties had been issued in a number of more outlying areas such as St David’s Station and Cowick Street. Of the 224 issued 129 have already been paid.

Question 4

Are those who have been stopped and dealt with been requested or offered the facility to pay on the spot?

Response - Anyone fined could make immediate payment via the enforcement company’s mobile phone app. No payment via either cash or card could be made to the enforcement officers.

Councillor Prowse asked a supplementary question about individual’s private information Councillor Harvey responded and stated that no personal information was required or collected by the enforcement officers.

Question 5

Has anyone run away before being dealt with?

Response – There had been two instances where individuals had run off before the officer could deal with them. Their company policy was not to give chase.