

**REPORT TO:** Environment & Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board

**DATE:** 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community & Resources

**PORTFOLIOS:** Physical Environment

**SUBJECT:** Environmental Improvement Initiatives

**WARD(S):** Borough-wide

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To provide Members with a presentation on measures being taken to help tackle incidents of environmental crime; such as littering and fly-tipping.

**2. RECOMMENDATION: That Members of the Board receive and comment upon the presentation.**

**3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 At their meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018, Members of the Board received a report on Fixed Penalty Notices. Arising from the discussion on that report it was agreed that information on measures being undertaken to tackle littering in the Borough would be presented to a future meeting of the Board. Resulting from this, Members will receive a presentation from the Divisional Manager – Waste & Environmental Improvement, which will also include measures being taken to tackle other incidents of environmental crime, such as fly-tipping.

**4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no policy implications associated with this report.

**5. OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no financial or other implications arising from this report.

**6. IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

**6.1 Children and Young People in Halton**

No direct impact

## **6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton**

No direct impact

## **6.3 A Healthy Halton**

By reducing the number of incidents of fly-tipping and improving cleanliness standards, the Council will be making a positive contribution towards improving the local environment and the appearance of the borough, which shall in turn have an overall beneficial effect on health and wellbeing.

## **6.4 A Safer Halton**

The Council's efforts to improve environmental standards and reduce environmental crime will have a positive impact upon the Safer Halton Priority.

## **6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

Overall environmental benefits will make the borough a more attractive location for investment.

## **7. RISK ANALYSIS**

- 7.1 The Council has legislative powers available to deal with environmental crime. Failure to make best use of these powers to improve the local environment may lead to criticism of the Council; thereby damaging its reputation.

## **8. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

- 8.1 There are no equality or diversity issues as a result of this report.

## **9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

- 9.1 There are no background papers within the meaning of the Act.