

East Lothian Council

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I would like to know:

- For the financial years 2012-2017, plus most recent stats for current financial year, the number of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) issued for littering. Of these how many paid the fine, and how many went to court?

01/04/2012 – 31/03/2013	3
01/04/2013 – 31/03/2014	3
01/04/2014 – 31/03/2015	0
01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	0
01/04/2016 – 31/03/2017	0
01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018	1
01/04/2018 - present	1
Only 1 progressed to Court in most recent period.	
All others paid or withdrawn.	

- Do you subcontract enforcement and issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for litter offences? If so, who do you subcontract to, and when did this contract start?

No

- Do you have any statistics – other than Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) - that measure the amount of litter in your LA area? If not, how do you decide where litter is a problem

We take part in the national LEAMS (Local Environment Audit Management System) Monitoring System currently co-ordinated by Keep Scotland Beautiful. This provides a snapshot in time via physical random sample audits as to the current levels and types of litter and Adverse Environmental Quality issues such as Graffiti, Fly Posting, Dog Fouling etc.

On top of this we also have commenced a system of internal audits done to the LEAMS standard, something we commenced back in 2004 when we first took over responsibility for street cleaning, and used to initially programme resources and asses requirements. Those internal audits were let slip because of other pressures but have now recommenced to provide us with a more accurate year round measurement of standards and to further assess if our resource deployment needs have changed in the interim period.

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The national LEAMS reports are available via Local Government Benchmarking Framework website <http://scotland.mylocalcouncil.info/Data.aspx?id=S12000019&lang=en-GB> and our internal audits will be posted in due course via the ELC committee web pages.

In addition we would advise that we have a strong policy of litter and waste awareness with an emphasis on public information and engagement. We have introduced a number of measures in recent years including a Dog Watch scheme promoting responsible dog ownership including the need to clean up and are working in partnership with Police Scotland on a rural crime initiative which includes a focus on fly tipping. The Community Wardens also carry out advisory visits to schools and other community groups in addition to regular patrols which have resulted in a measurable decrease in litter across the county. The recent CoPLAR (Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse) statutory guidance provides local authorities with clear targets on litter and refuse which we aim to reach for each category. Our website and the My East Lothian App can be used to alert the council to any issues requiring attention.