

East Lothian Council

FOI Ref: 2018/530991

I would like the information to be broken down over the last three financial years - 2017/18, 2016/17 and 2015/16 - in response to each question.

1. I would like to know how many community wardens were employed by the council.

During the period from April 2015 to July 2018 – 7 Community Wardens and 1 Team Leader were employed by East Lothian Council (ELC).

From 1st August 2018 this figure dropped to 6 Community Wardens and 1 Team Leader.

2. I would like to know the value of fines imposed by community wardens

Prior to April 2016 the penalty for offences Contrary to Section 1 of the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003 was £40. This rose to £80 thereafter in line with the penalty charges for offences contrary to Section 87 and 33 of the Environment Protection Act 1990.

3. I would like to know the reason for the fines being imposed, including the financial value of fines for each reason.

The Community Wardens are part of the Safer Communities Team and during the three periods requested, fines to the following value were imposed and for the reasons stated:

- 2015/16 - 7 Fines totalling £320, 1 issued by a Community Warden @ £80, and 6 by the Dog Wardens totalling £240 @£40 each all were for offences contrary to Section 1 of the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003.
- 2016/17 – 9 Fines totalling £720, 6 were issued by Community Wardens, 2 were issued for offences contrary to S33 of the Environment Protection Act 1990 totalling £160, 1 was issued for an offence contrary to Section 87 of the Environment Protection Act 1990 for £80 and 6 fines were issued for offences contrary to Section 1 of the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003 3 of which were issued by Community Wardens totalling £240, 2 by the Dog Wardens totalling £160 and 1 fine issued by a Community Police Officer @ £80.

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- 2017/18 – 11 Fines totalling £880, 9 were issued by Community Wardens totalling £800 for offences contrary to section 1 of the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003 and 2 were issued by the Dog Wardens to the value of £160

4. I would like to know how many individual fines were imposed by wardens

Of the penalty notices issued 2015/16:

- 1 issued by Community Warden 1, 5 by Dog Warden 1 and 1 by Dog Warden 2 for offences contrary to the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003

Of the penalty notices issued 2016/17:

- Community Warden 2 issued 3 notices, 2 under Section 33 of the Environment Protection Act 1990 and 1 under the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003, Community Warden 3 issued 2 notices 1 under Section 87 of the Environment Protection Act 1990 and 1 under the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003 and Community Warden 4 issued 1 notice under the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003.

Dog Wardens 1 and 2 both also issued one notice each under the same act, 1 notice was also issued by a Community Police Officer.

Of the penalty notices issued 2017/18:

- Community Warden 2 issued 4 notices, Community Warden 5 issued 4 notices, Community Warden 4 issued 1 and Dog Warden 2 issued 1 notice each, all were contrary to the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act