

DESCRIPTION OF OPTION

Dog Fouling Team – Proposal is to reduce the dog fouling enforcement team from ten staff to two enforcement officers.

RATIONALE FOR SAVINGS

In, June 2010, a specialist team of five dog fouling wardens was created using resources from the then “Future Jobs Fund”. The purpose of the team was to tackle the problem of dog fouling throughout the borough through visible enforcement and by the promotion of responsible job ownership.

Following Policy Options, a permanent dog fouling team was created of 1 Team leader and 9 Enforcement Officers.

The option of reducing the team by seven enforcement officers and the team leader will realise a saving of £162,000 taking into account lower penalty fines.

IMPACT

The reduction would result in the service having just two officers to continue to maintain an enforcement presence.

A risk exists in that the level of dog fouling in the borough rises due to the reduced presence of enforcement officers. For the highway, the refuse removal contract includes removal of dog fouling.

The option involves the loss of 8 posts at a saving of £162,000.

MITIGATION

The smaller team could operate pending consideration of a private sector involvement in dog fouling enforcement.

A second option of non-delivery also exists in that the whole team could be abolished at an additional saving of £ 38,400.