

# Birmingham City Council

## Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee

7 June 2023



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**Subject:** Flytipping Enforcement Position Statement  
**Report of:** Darren Share, Director – Street Scene  
**Report author:** Darren Share, Director – Street Scene

### 1 Purpose

- 1.1 To provide the current position in relation to fly tipping and Street Scene response with specific regard to:
- Identifying dedicated resources and the activity undertaken;
  - Enforcement approach and how this is developing;
- 1.2 Understand how this approach is making a difference to a reduction in Flytipping
- 1.3 Outline progress towards Cleaner Streets recommendations. The presentation attached as Appendix A provides all the above information.

### 2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Scrutiny is invited to consider the information within the report, and agree next steps including whether a more detailed response is needed for specific interventions.

### 3 Any Finance Implications

- 3.1 n/a

### 4 Any Legal Implications

- 4.1 n/a

### 5 Any Equalities Implications

- 5.1 n/a

### 6 Appendices

- 6.1 Appendix 1 Fly Tipping Position Report

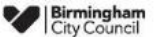
# Fly-Tipping Position Report

June 2023

Darren Share

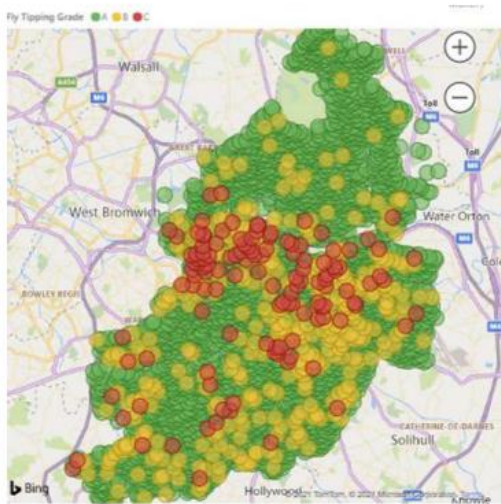


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# Background:

- There has been a national increase in fly tipping offences since 2019 and in Birmingham we saw the same increase. All Wards are affected but there is a concentration of offences across the central area of the City



# Action:

In July 2021 EMT looked at fly tipping and a series of initiatives were approved to tackle the growing situation. The individual figures for reported fly tipping in week 27 (first week of July) was:

- 2019 602
- 2020 807
- 2021 920
- 2022 556 (12 months on from the initiatives)
- 2023 528 (current June)

# The Initiatives:

The following initiatives were introduced to tackle fly tipping:

- There was an increase of Waste Enforcement Officers from 8 to 23
- 6 Neighbourhood Enforcement Officers were introduced to the Wards with the highest fly tipping numbers – initial focus on Duty of Care and Trade Waste Licensing
- 20 extra cameras were brought and deployed in fly tipping hot spots
- A Grimewatch publication was produced
- We increased fly tipping crews by 4
- We introduced 10 additional sack collection crews
- We introduced an extra electrical collection team
- We introduced 3 deep cleaning crews
- We introduced 3 additional graffiti crews
- We introduced 4 Mobile Household recycling teams
- We support litter picks with communities
- We engaged with Keep Britain Tidy to try and change long term behaviour

# Love Your Streets / Love Your Environment:

- Combining some of the collection and cleaning initiatives we are now targeting areas to tackle fly tipping and poor LAMS scores in a Love Your Environment day. These are moving around the city and are having an affect on overall look and feel of the streets. This approach was started in October 22 with the following results:
- 40LYS days delivered, Over 200 LYS Zonal Days, Collecting over 256 tonnes of rubbish
- Over **33,000** pieces of equipment given to volunteers
- Volunteer litter picking data 22-23**
- LYE officially commenced in October 22 **106**
  - LYE Events over 63 wards, Over 850 tonnes of rubbish, 3710 graffiti tags removed, 841 fridges and Over 15,000 bags of rubbish

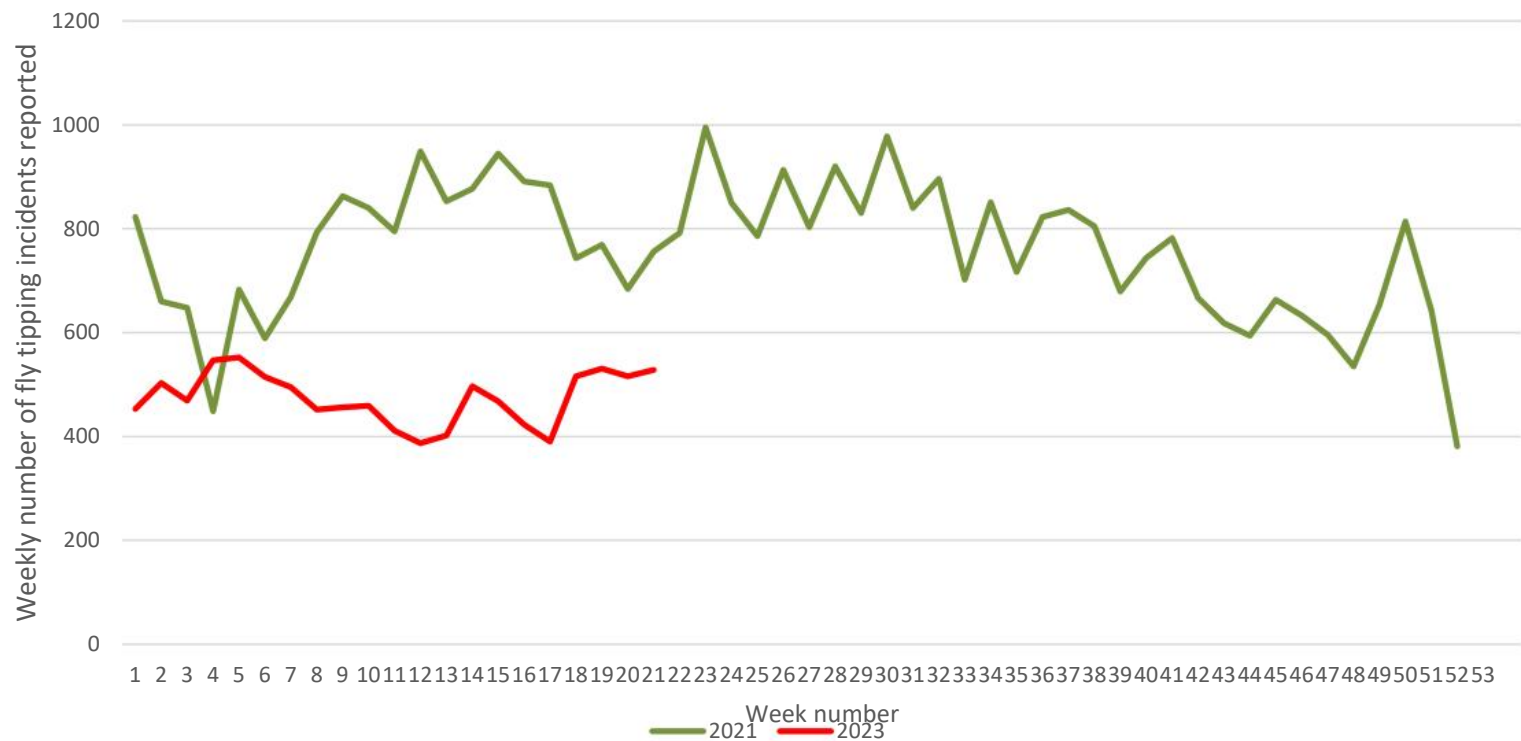
	Total
Bags Collected	6718
Hours	1610.18
Days	322.03
Volunteers	6



# Keep Britain Tidy Grimescene:



## FLYTIPPING: NUMBER OF REPORTED WEEKLY INSTANCES OF FLY TIPPING



Source: Resident reports via contact centre and website as recorded on M3 database

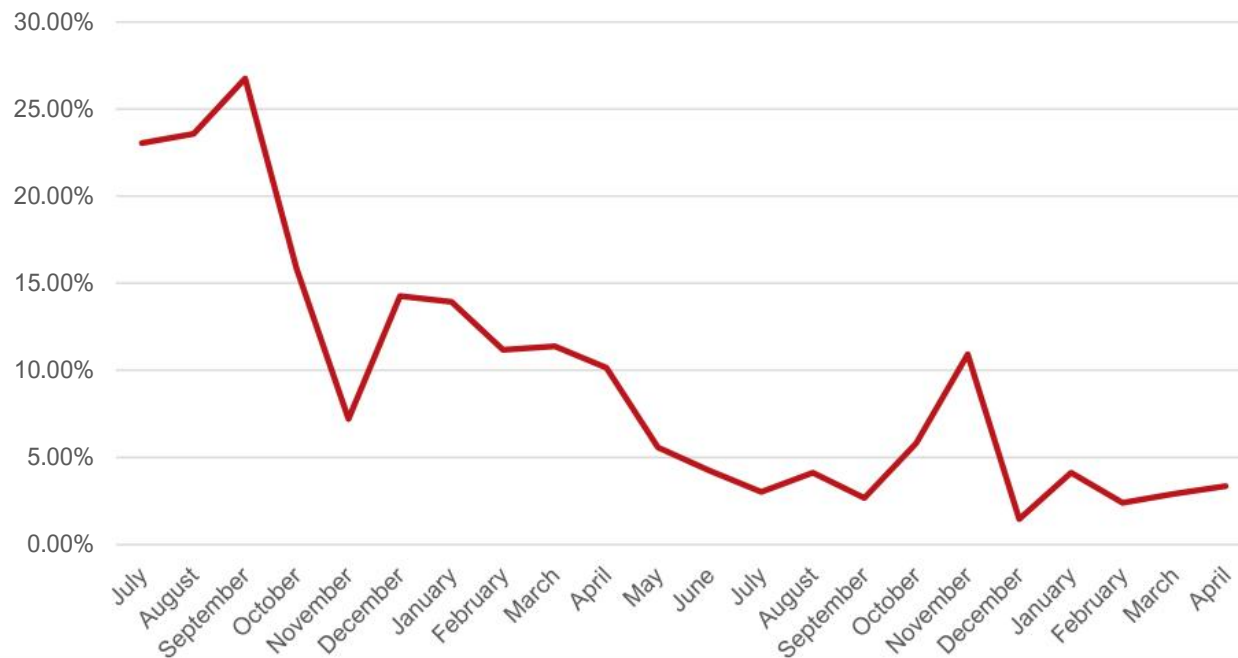
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## FLYTIPPING: LAND AUDIT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SURVEYS

Percentage of LAMS assessments where the fly tipping grade was determined to be B or C (unacceptable standard)



Data reported from Waste Prevention Team

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## Neighbourhood Enforcement Officers Stats

Month	DOC Inspections	Compliant on site	DFI Issued	s34 FPNs Issued	s34 FPNs Paid	s34 Prosecutions	Street Surveys	MAPSS Case Closures	s47 Notices	s47 FPNs	s47 FPNs Paid	s47 Prosecutions	CPW
February	28	1	27	0	0	0	10	35	0	0	0	0	0
March	58	0	58	2	0	0	8	73	0	0	0	0	0
April	29	1	28	0	0	0	0	101	3	0	0	0	21
May	50	0	50	19	0	0	7	100	5	0	0	0	26
Month	CPN	CPN FPNs	CPN FPNs Paid	CPN Prosecutions	LYS Days	Flytipping Rep Letters	s33 FPNs	s33 FPNs Paid	s33 Prosecutions	s108 Notices	s108 Prosecutions	Referrals to Street Cleansing	Referrals to Housing
February	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0
April	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	28	1
May	5	0	0	0	0	17	16	0	0	0	0	37	3

# Impact:

- The Neighbourhood Enforcement Officers have conducted a large volume of work in the 6 priority wards.
- Activity has been primarily around engagement and behaviour change with a move toward more robust enforcement work in recent months.
- Neighbourhood Enforcement Officers have conducted over 1000 commercial waste checks in businesses across the 6 wards.
- Have investigated over 500 incidents of flytipping.
- Have been involved in over 300 other investigations from graffiti through to misuse of wheeled bins.
- Recent work has lead to over 25 fixed penalty notices being served for commercial waste non-compliance with more in progress.
- Officers have assisted with over 1000 requests for assistance from members of the public.

## Next steps:

- The initiatives continue as a core service from 2023, with a greater focus on Love Your Streets and Love Your Environment
- Further initiatives will be considered once the Keep Britain Tidy Grimescene results have been evaluated
- Other behaviour-change focused initiatives are being investigated, including innovative practice currently being piloted in London
- A grant application has been awarded from Government funding to pilot enforcement cameras which use artificial intelligence
- Enforcement will continue to work in conjunction with the various initiatives to maximise impact and build on the success of 2022.



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