CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

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Savings Proposal

Report Title	Alternative Environmental Enforcement Trial
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1.0 Description of Savings Proposal

1.1 The trial will involve a private sector provider operating within the city issuing fixed penalties for environmental offences such as littering and dog fouling.

The trial was approved on a 12 month basis by Cabinet (Resources) Panel on 30 June 2015. It commences on 10 August 2015 and will be reviewed after 3 months of operation with a view to tendering for subsequent years if successful.

2.0 Financial Proposal

	2016/17 £000	2017/18 £000	2018/19 £000	Total
Base budget saving before investment	50	0	0	50
Investment required from revenue	0	0	0	0
Base budget saving after revenue investment	50	0	0	50
Investment required from capital	0	0	0	0
	FTE	FTE	FTE	FTE
Staffing implications for Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	0	0	0	0

3.0 Communications Strategy Implications

3.1 There are some Communications Strategy Implications arising from this savings proposal. Corporate Communications Team has undertaken an awareness raising campaign to advise the public that the new arrangements commenced on 10 August 2015.

4.0 Corporate Landlord Implications

4.1 There are no Corporate Landlord Implications arising from this savings proposal.

5.0 Customer Implications

5.1 There are some Customer Impact Implications arising from this savings proposal.
Residents, visitors and other customers could receive fixed penalties for environmental offences such as littering and dog fouling in future. This is covered in the Communications strategy.

6.0 Economic Implications

6.1 There are some Economic Implications arising from this savings proposal.
There may be economic benefits due to improved perceptions of the city leading to greater footfall to the city centre and other centres.

7.0 Environmental Implications

7.1 There are some Environmental Implications arising from this savings proposal.
Local environmental quality of the city centre, other centres and hotspot areas should improve as a result of the proposal which should reduce the amount of litter dropped and dog fouling not cleaned up.

8.0 Equality Implications

8.1 An Initial Equalities Analysis (IEA) has been completed and there are no equalities implications. A full Equality Analysis is not required.

9.0 Financial Implications

9.1 The Financial Implications in terms of savings and investments are as described in the proposal above.

10.0 Health Implications

10.1 There are some Health Implications arising from this savings proposal.
Improvements in local environmental quality should have a positive impact on people's health and wellbeing.

11.0 Human Resource Implications

11.1 There are some Human Resources Implications arising from this savings proposal. There are currently no internal staffing implications however two employees from the private sector provider will be accommodated within Regulatory Services. Inductions, training, desks, access to buildings and systems etc have been arranged.

12.0 Legal Implications

12.1 There are some Legal Implications arising from this savings proposal.
There will be an increased work load due to the need to pursue cases of non-payment of the fixed penalties issued.

13.0 Policy Implications

13.1 There are some Policy & Corporate Plan Implications arising from this savings proposal.
Cabinet (Resources) Panel approved a change to current policy so that discretion can now be exercised in relation to 16 and 17 year olds committing offences. Previously they would normally be issued with a fixed penalty.

14.0 Procurement Implications

14.1 There are some Procurement Implications arising from this savings proposal.
If the trial is successful it will be necessary to go through a tendering exercise for a permanent contract.