

Agenda Item 7



LINCOLNSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP

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SUBJECT :	SCRAP Fly tipping campaign
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Fly-tipping is increasing nationally year on year and clearance costs for Local authorities are increasing too.

On 12th February 2019, PCC Marc Jones hosted a fly-tipping summit to investigate what could be done to address this issue. Representatives from all the agencies who attended signed a pledge to seek ways to work together in order to tackle the rising trend.

At the July 2019 meeting of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership (LWP), a presentation was received from the Chairman of the Hertfordshire Fly-Tipping Group which covered a number of topics, including a summary of the Hertfordshire Waste Partnership's S.C.R.A.P fly-tipping campaign. This was well received by LWP and West Lindsey volunteered to lead on a similar campaign within Lincolnshire.

Objective

- To increase awareness of fly-tipping and how to avoid using unlicensed waste carriers

Method

A similar theme to that used in Hertfordshire was adopted using the SCRAP acronym

Suspect all waste carriers

Check with the Environment Agency that the provider taking your waste away is registered

Refuse unexpected offers to have waste taken away

Ask what will happen to your waste

Paperwork should be obtained

In West Lindsey the campaign has consisted of the following actions;

- An A5 flyer highlighting the campaign delivered to every household in the district.
- Two RCV's wrapped with campaign posters
- A stop and search campaign on suspected vehicles over four separate days
- A supporting social media campaign

Results

The social media campaign received high levels of attention. The freighters wrapped with campaign posters have been working all around the district. The stop and search campaign was carried out over four days and involved officers from West Lindsey District Council, Lincolnshire Police, the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency, the Environment Agency and HM Revenue and Customs. In summary, 109 vehicles stopped, 72 were searched, 23 produced waste carriers licences, 57 were given words of advice about various potential offences, 20 were reported for driving offences and 5 Fixed Penalty Notices for waste offences were issued at £300 each.

In terms of lessons learnt, future stop and search days will be more targeted, so will relate to potential location of illegal waste sites or known waste carriers without licences. Operations could involve less agencies, so West Lindsey Enforcement and Police could process more vehicles (small vans, etc) and other agencies could concentrate on larger vehicles.

The table below shows fly tipping incidents within West Lindsey for periods between November and January over the last three years. Whilst there has been a definite drop in numbers coinciding with the SCRAP campaign, the data should be treated with caution as fly-tipping data is traditionally exceptionally dynamic.

1 Nov 2017 – 31 Jan 2018	181
1 Nov 2018 – 31 Jan 2019	507
1 Nov 2019 – 31 Jan 2020	283

Next Stages

Co-operation between agencies to continue and more actions from wider districts and other agencies in Lincolnshire. Longer term trend analysis to be undertaken to understand campaign effectiveness.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Lincolnshire Waste Partnership to note the report.