
SUBJECT:	Flytipping and Enforcement Update
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WARD/S AFFECTED	No specific wards affected

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update Members on the 2014/15 flytipping enforcement programme.

RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to note the content of this report.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 South Bucks Flytipping has historically been a bigger problem in the South Bucks District in comparison to other areas in Bucks due to our proximity and abundance of quiet rural areas that attract flytippers.
- 2.2 A County-wide anti-flytipping campaign called Illegal Dumping Costs was launched in November 2003. Authorities in Bucks had recorded an annual increase of 10% in flytipping over the 3-5 years prior to the campaign launch.
- 2.3 This is a campaign run in a partnership between all five authorities and coordinated by Officers funded by the Joint Waste Committee and based at County Hall. Direct enforcement within the campaign has been a notable example of successful partnership working within two-tier local government.
- 2.4 The campaign has run for over 10 years now and was re-launched in 2009 with new publicity and roadshows, including on our refuse vehicles.
- 2.5 This report covers the flytipping and enforcement highlights of the financial year 2014 – 2015.

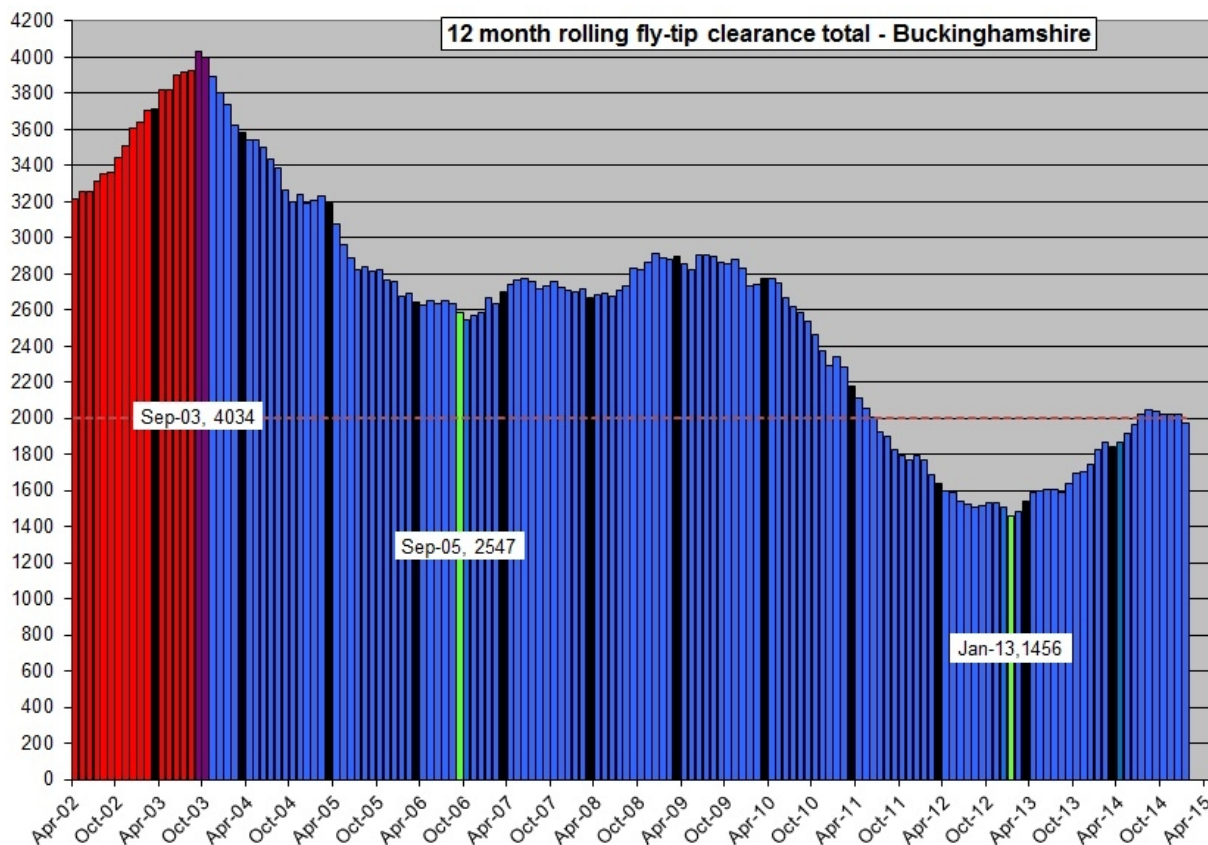
3. Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 No recommendations arise from this report.

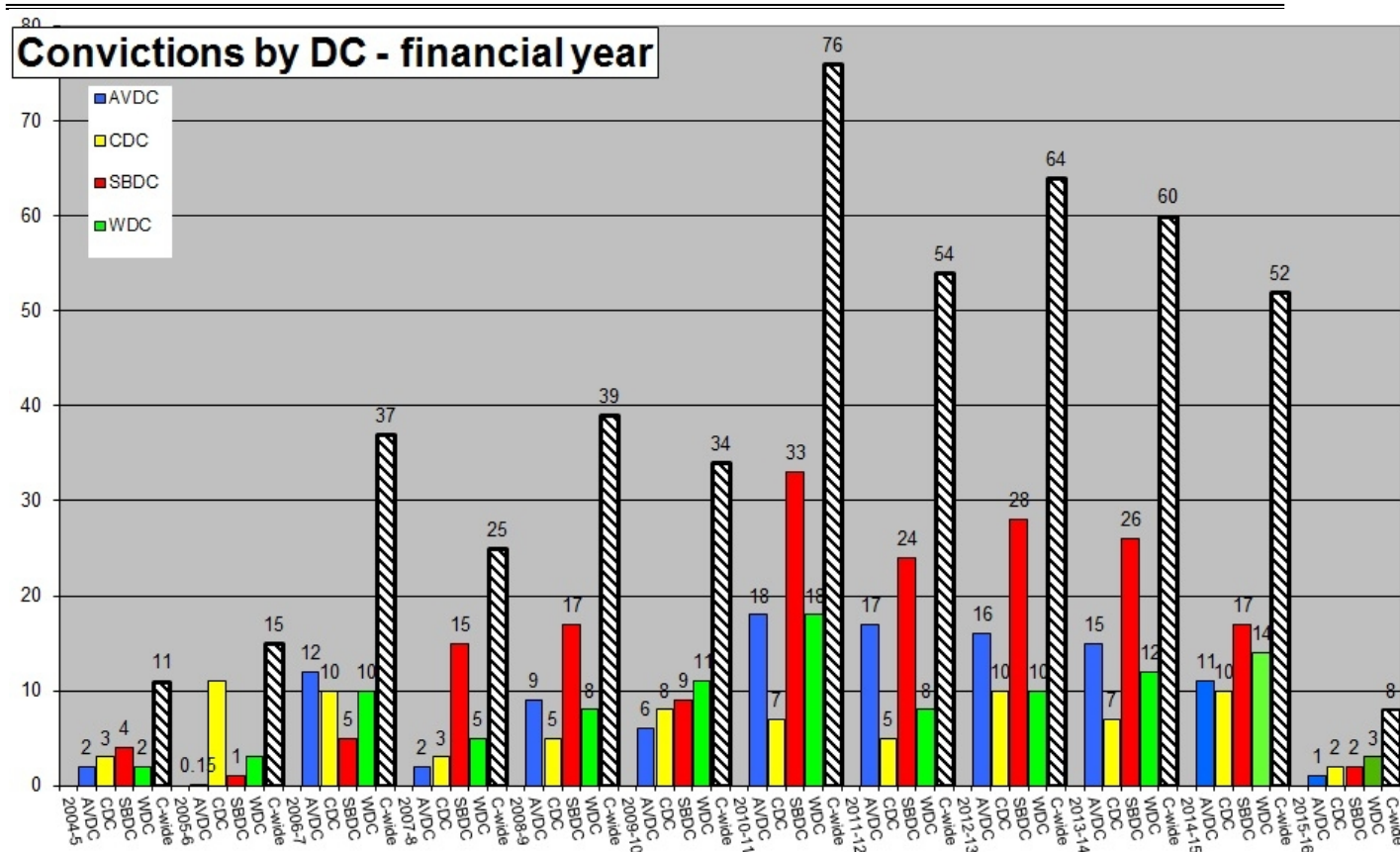
4. Content of Report

4.1 The number of flytips in Buckinghamshire declined steadily following the launch of the Illegal Dumping Costs campaign in 2003, but have begun to steadily increase during the past 18 months following a plateau. In South Bucks, the number of flytips has followed the general County-wide pattern:

Year	No of tips
2009-10	842
2010-11	511
2011-12	341
2012-13	363
2013-14	359
2014-15	484



4.2 More than one flytipper has been prosecuted per week by The Waste Partnership in the last 5 years. Relative to our size, South Bucks has continued to achieve the highest amount of enforcement action; with 29/100 PACE interviews county wide relating to flytips in our district, 17/61 case file submissions, and 17/52 convictions as shown in the table below.



4.3 Last financial year saw the number of flytippers cleared increase up to 484 from 359 the previous year. This increase can in part be attributed to a sharp increase in the number of tyres dumped in the District recently, with up to hundreds being cleared each week. Tyres have to be transported to Aylesbury and hazardous materials can take several days to be removed by a specialist contractor. Incidents have dropped following an arrest and seizure of a vehicle in the last few weeks.

4.4 Flytipping tends to attract further dumping, potentially because people wrongly think that it is acceptable to dump waste adjacent to waste that has already been tipped by somebody else or that they are less likely to get caught.

4.5 However we have had some notable convictions in the past year, with the cases of flytippers caught on Allerds Road in Burnham featured on a daytime BBC1 programme called “Caught Red Handed”.

We have also had the first ‘tagged curfew’ conviction, where a man from Watford who dumped waste on Over the Misbourne in Denham was no longer allowed to go out at night (and therefore considered less likely to tip) as well as having to pay costs and fines of £1,876.

A duty of care failure in West London left a building work project manager with a bill of £3,864 after a large load of waste was dumped illegally on Old Rectory Lane in Denham, blocking access to a sewage pumping station.

4.6 In response to the drastic reduction in flytips a few years ago, the decision was made to reduce contract costs by operating our grab vehicle part-time. This combined with the recent increase in difficult to remove flytips and stretched resources due to the new service roll out and other factors, has resulted in the 2 day clearance target being missed for 6 of the last 8 quarters. The most recent result was 2.4 days and we are working in partnership with Biffa to look at how we can ensure that flytips are removed within target.

5. Consultation

Not Applicable

6. Options

No options are recommended in this report.

7. Corporate Implications

7.1 There are no financial issues identified at this time

7.2 There are no legal issues identified at this time

8. Links to Council Policy Objectives

This matter is related to the following local and national policy objectives:

- South Bucks Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Plan Key Theme - Sustainable Environment – protecting our heritage, protecting our future.
- Council priority to continue to improve the street scene and cleanliness of the district as a key public services coordinator
- The current Joint Waste Management Strategy for Bucks policies, including “securing a long-term strategy for the management of wastes for which the member authorities are collectively responsible”.
- The Council’s recycling/composting target of 60% by 2025 as part of the Joint Waste Management Strategy for Bucks. The national target of 45% by 2015 and 50% by 2020. There are no longer District specific targets.

9. Next Step

The response target and resource level will be reviewed as discussed above.

Background Papers:	None
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