
City Wardens and Enviro-Crime Services

Neighbourhood Services and
Community Involvement Scrutiny
Commission

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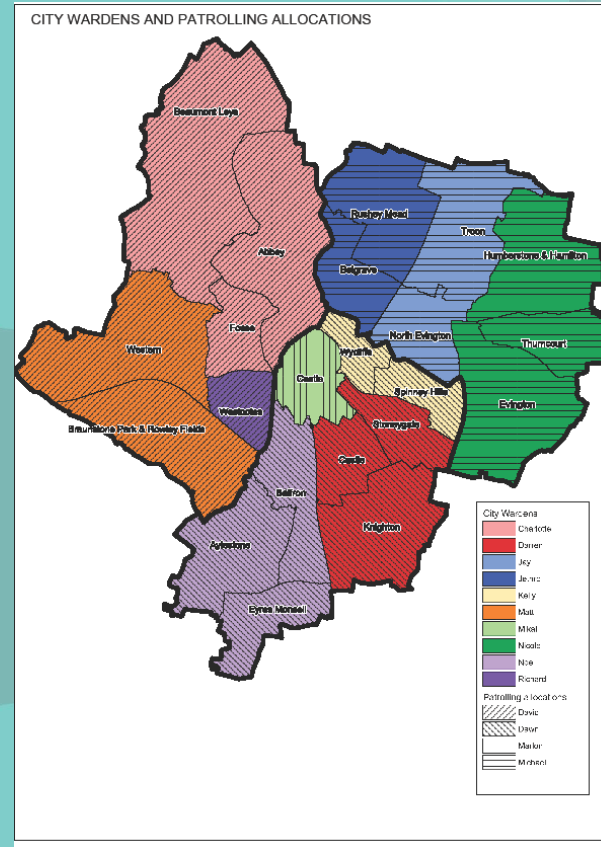
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Work Arrangements

- Head of Service – Bob Mullins / Brian Stafford (job-share)
- Team Manager – Barbara Whitcombe
- Senior City Wardens – Chris Bramley-Brown; Andrew Moyse
- City Wardens – 10 (area based)
- City Wardens (Patrolling) – 5
- Senior Enviro Crime Officer – Justine Denton
- Enforcement Officers - 2

Work Arrangements

- City Wardens
 - Area based
 - Areas based on demand
- City Wardens (patrolling)
 - Highways and licensing enforcement
 - Support the City Wardens
- Enviro Crime
 - Work citywide as cases demand



City Wardens Responsibilities

- Enforcement falls into two categories:
 - Criminal offences
 - Local Authorities have the power to investigate and prosecute in a number of areas, derived from the Local Government Act 1972 and supplemented by other pieces of legislation.
 - For example the bulk of the City Wardens work, environmental offences, are covered in the Environment Protection Act 1990
 - Enforcement could result in a custodial sentence
 - Civil Offences (harmful towards another person)
 - Enforcement results in compensatory behaviour, which may include a fine



City Wardens' Responsibilities

- Criminal Offences:
 - Littering; Fly tipping
 - Fly posting; Graffiti
 - Scrap metal; Unlicensed waste carriers
 - Duty of Care – Householders; Duty of Care - Businesses
 - Nuisance vehicles; Vehicles for sale on the Highway
 - Untidy land
 - Japanese Knotweed
 - Dog Control orders
 - Smoke free offences
 - Skips; Scaffolding; Building hoardings; Building materials

City Wardens' Responsibilities

- Civil Offences:
 - Littering from Vehicles
 - Domestic bins
 - Buskers
 - Vacant and derelict buildings



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Enviro-Crime Responsibilities

- Detailed investigations of:
 - Fly tips larger than ‘a car load’ (DEFRA categorisation)
 - Scrap metal offences
 - Waste carrier offences
 - Stop and search operations
 - Surveillance – use of CCTV equipment



Service contact

- Online - <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-environment/report-an-environmental-issue/>
- By phone - 0116 454 1001 (Customer Services)
- Email – city.warden@leicester.gov.uk
- Love Clean Streets

Service Statistics - FPNs

Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs)	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Q1 2022/23
Allowing person to smoke in a smoke free premise/vehicle	1	0	0	0
Smoking in a smokefree/vehicle	29	6	6	5
Householder duty of care	20	7	9	13
Breach of a Community Protection Notice	84	61	63	11
Commercial bins on the street	39	21	57	11
Domestic bins on the street	528	18	678	135
Clean up costs	23	33	72	12
Free distribution of printed material	21	0	4	0
Failing to furnish waste documents	81	44	39	62
Failing to furnish waste carriers license	2	5	2	1
Fly posting	229	24	99	19
Fly tipping	49	60	80	17
Graffiti	1	0	0	0
Leaving litter	94	16	37	24
Littering from vehicle	34	17	40	37
Control of Pollution	6	3	0	2
	1,242	316	1,167	349

Service Statistics – Legal Papers

Legal notices	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Clearing of private land	865	251	494	71
Bins on the Street	7,708	3,372	2,794	2,458
Fly tip investigations	2,751	1,371	1,996	473
Duty of care inspections	290	124	224	20
Fly tip warning letters	0	0	5,563	4,051
S80 notices issued	85	63	44	37
S80 warrants at court	26	5	7	4
Community Protection Warnings*	367	600	993	152
Community Protection Legal Notices	103	69	191	22
	12,195	5,855	12,306	7,288

*Issued for: Japanese Knotweed; Untidy land; Fly-tipping; Illegal deposits on the highway

Case Study – court case

- Mr X – running a scrap business
- Issued CPN
- Fined for two breaches of CPN
- Victim surcharge
- Costs



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Case Study – court case

- XXX Ltd
- Issued CPN
- Fined for 16 breaches of CPN
- Victim surcharge
- Costs



Case Study – court case

- Company X
- Pleaded guilty to 15 offences
- Seven breaches of licensing conditions
- Eight company name not displayed
- Fined
- Victim surcharge
- Costs



Community Engagement

- Work with Eco-Schools
- Attendance at ward community meetings
- Patch walks
- Resident meetings
- Student/University liaison



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Joint Working

- County / Borough and District Councils
- Police / Fire Service
- Network Rail
- Environment Agency
- DEFRA
- Keep Britain Tidy
- Canals and River Trust

Questions



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