

**Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny
Committee – 15 August 2007
Item 7**

**NOTES FROM THE ENFORCEMENT PERFORMANCE SUB GROUP OF 18TH
JULY 2007**

Present: Cllr E Eastwood (in the Chair); G Garrity; J Jackson

Officers: T Magean; S Bishop; N White

Chairman

The Sub Group agreed that Councillor E Eastwood should take the Chair for the meetings of the sub group.

Terms of Reference

The Sub Group noted that the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee had agreed that an enforcement performance sub group should be established to monitor on a month by month basis the performance of the enforcement unit against its targets.

Enforcement Services

The Sub Group had an introduction into the work undertaken by the Council's Enforcement Services which covered on street and off street car parking; littering/fly tipping; dog control; household/trade waste; abandoned vehicles; markets; taxi licensing and some aspects of general licensing, anti social behaviour work and the travelling community.

The Sub Group noted that the priority for the service was on street car parking as the income from this was a major part of the service's business plan and that any shortfall in income would have to be met elsewhere by the Council. It was intended to report to the next meeting on the budgetary requirements from the all the Service Level Agreements that the service had.

The Sub Group further noted the decision of the Executive on 12 June 2007 to market test the off-street car parking and markets management and administration element of the enforcement service. It agreed that it be worthwhile for the subgroup to be part of the evaluation process for this market testing.

The Sub Group considered the level of current long term sickness in the enforcement unit. In June 2007 there was 27% sickness within the unit which resulted in 46% of the available staffing hours being lost to the unit. The Sub

Group felt that this should be drawn to the attention of the Executive and this could result in the ability of the enforcement unit to meet its targets within the financial business model.

The Sub Group noted the different items that could be collected as domestic waste and felt that it would be useful to let the Parish Councils know what the charges were for collecting the different items.

The Sub Group further noted that the council's Dog Control Orders were still being written and that this could have an effect on the target of achieving 9 fines this financial year. It was expected that a report to the Executive would be submitted on this issue.

The Sub Group briefly considered the level of income received so far this year from the Council's off street car parks and noted that a more detailed report would be submitted to the next meeting.

The Sub Group further agreed that it would be worthwhile to invite the Executive Portfolio Holder to future meetings of the sub group to ensure that the Executive were aware of the deliberations of the sub group.

Next Meeting

The Sub Group agreed that its next meeting will be on Monday 6 August at 9.30am in Moresby.

RECOMMENDED – that (A) the Enforcement Performance Sub Group be part of the evaluation process for the market testing of off-street car parking and markets management and administration,

(B) the Executive's attention be drawn to the level of current long term sickness within the unit which and this could result in the ability of the enforcement unit to meet its targets within the financial business model.

(C) Parish Councils be given a list of prices for domestic waste collection so that the Parish councils could publicise these in their area.