

Review of Enforcement Unit – Background

Earlier this year, this Committee considered the Enforcement Unit's business plan and the implications of the Cleaner, Greener, Safer legislation.

The Committee expressed concern that the Enforcement Unit would not have the capacity to deliver the environmental improvements that the new legislation promised. It asked for a report to the Executive to express this view, however it was argued that a more in-depth look at the way in which the Unit was run, the number of hours spent on different responsibilities, the amount of time new requirements took to service, before an evidence-based scrutiny report could be sent to the Executive.

In September, Members considered an extensive report which lacked the financial information Members need to consider before making any formal recommendations. This report seeks to 'fill the gap'.