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— North Nottinghamshire —

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Dear Sir / Madam

I refer to your request under the Freedom of Information Act Ref 91/20 dated 3rd February 2020, requesting information Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's) for littering and dog fouling.

Whilst the Act confers a general right of access to information held by public authorities, Section 1 provides that any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled:-

- a) To be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request; and
- b) If that is the case to have that information communicated to him', subject to the effect of the exemptions in Part 11 of the Act.

Therefore pursuant to the Council's duty to confirm or deny whether or not it holds the information requested I can confirm the following:-

1. Which department is responsible for enforcing against Littering?
Environmental Health
2. Do you use a private company to enforce against Littering?
No
3. If you answered yes to question 2, could you confirm the name of the private company?
N/A
4. If you answered yes to question 2, could you confirm the contract end date?
N/A
5. If you answered yes to question 2, could you provide me with a copy of the contract?
N/A

6. What is the full price of Littering Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN)?

£100

7. Do you have a discounted price for a littering FPN and if yes, how long is the discounted period? E.g. the FPN will be discounted to £50 if paid within 10 days

No

8. How many FPN's did you issue for littering in 2019?

Six

9. How many FPN's issued for littering in 2019 were paid?

Six

10. How many FPN's issued for littering in 2019 were prosecuted for failing to pay the FPN?

Zero

11. Could you confirm which department is responsible for enforcing against Dog Fouling?

Environmental Health and Dog Warden

12. Do you use a private company to enforce against Dog Fouling?

Dog Warden is authorised to issue FPN's and is employed by a Dog Warden Contractor.

13. If you answered yes to question 11, could you confirm the name of the private company?

Pest Express of Nottingham

14. What is the legislation you enforce Dog Fouling under? E.g Dog Control Order, fouling of land act or PSPO etc

PSPO

15. How many FPNs did you issue for Dog Fouling in 2019?

Three

16. How many FPNs issued for Dog Fouling were paid in 2019?

Zero

17. How many FPN's issued for Dog Fouling in 2019 were prosecuted for failing to pay the FPN?

One pending

18. Do you enforce against any other Dog Control Orders or PSPO's that are dog related?

Dogs to be on lead in listed burial grounds / churchyards

Dogs banned from listed fenced play areas

Owners to be able to demonstrate to an authorised officer that they are carrying means to pick up faeces (e.g a bag)

Link of list of areas affected :- <https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/media/4726/dog-control-order-2018-2021.pdf>

19. What is the full price of a Dog Fouling FPN?

£100

20. Do you have a discounted price for a Dog Fouling FPN and if yes, how long is the discounted period? E.g the FPN will be discounted to £450 if paid within 10 days

No

If you are dissatisfied with the Freedom of Information response set out in this letter you are able to utilise the Council's complaints procedure which allows one right of review via this system. Details can be found using the link below:

<http://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/everything-else/about-us/complaints-compliments.aspx>

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint the Act confers a further right to complain to the Information Commissioner at www.ico.org.uk or by writing to Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone 06125 545745), email mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk, however the Information Commissioner will not usually consider a complaint if the complainant has not utilised their one right of review via the Council's complaints procedure.

I trust this answers your query fully.

Yours sincerely

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