

**OFFICIAL SENSITIVE: FOR INFORMATION – PUBLICATION OF 2016/17
OFFICIAL FLY-TIPPING STATISTICS FOR ENGLAND**

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Date: Wednesday 18th October 2017

Summary:

We will be publishing Official Statistics on England’s annual fly-tipping incidents and actions for 2016/17 in line with the arrangements approved by the UK Statistics Authority on Thursday 19 October. The release has been pre-announced in line with the National Statistics Code of Practice.

An advance copy of the Statistics Notice and associated datasets are attached for your information and you are receiving the release one day prior to publication as currently permitted under this Code.

Recommendation:

This submission is to inform you of the latest headline data before publication.

Timing: Urgent: The Official Statistical Notice for Fly-tipping Statistics for England, 2016/17 will be published on the gov.uk website at 9.30am tomorrow morning (Thursday 19 October).

Key points

To note the latest England Flytipping Statistics for 2016/17 show that:

- Local Authorities dealt with around 1 million (1,002,000) fly-tipping incidents, a 7% increase on 2015/16.

- In line with the previous year, two thirds (67%) of fly-tips involved household waste.
- The most common place for fly-tipping to occur was on highways, which accounted for 49% of total incidents in 2016/17; up 4% increase from 2015/16.
- Local authorities carried out 474,000 enforcement actions in 2016/17, costing around £16 million, a decrease of 20,000 actions and £0.9 million from 2015/16.
- Local Authorities carried out 1,571 prosecutions for fly-tipping offences in 2016/17, a decrease of 25% on 2015/16; 98.4% of prosecutions resulted in conviction.
- The number of fixed penalty notices issued increased by 56% to 56,000 in 2016/17, accounting for 12% of all enforcement actions.
- The estimated cost of clearance for fly-tipping to local authorities in England in 2016/17 was £57.7 million.

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Policy content and further work

1. In May 2016 we implemented the Government's manifesto commitment to introduce Fixed Penalty Notice (FPNs) for small-scale fly-tipping. We gave local authorities in England the power to issue FPNs of up to £400. This provided local authorities with an alternative to prosecutions and enabled them take more proportionate enforcement when necessary. The fly-tipping statistics reported 20,000 more FPNs were issued in 2016/17 compared to the previous year, whilst the number of prosecutions was lower. [REDACTED]

the total value of fines increased by 7% from 2015/16.

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Communications handling:

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Annex

Annex 1 – Background on Flytipping