

REPORT TO CABINET

REPORT OF: HEAD OF WASTE AND CONTRACT SERVICES

REPORT NO. WCS3

DATE: 10TH JANUARY 2005

TITLE:	Extension of Litter Fines
FORWARD PLAN ITEM:	N/A
DATE WHEN FIRST APPEARED IN FORWARD PLAN:	N/A
KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:	Non Key decision

COUNCIL AIMS/PORTFOLIO HOLDER NAME AND DESIGNATION:	Councillor Ray Auger
CORPORATE PRIORITY:	STREET SCENE
CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS:	None
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS:	None
BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Non Key Decision report ENV153

1. **Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the extension of the areas where litter fines can be issued within South Kesteven.

2. **Recommendations**

The Cabinet is recommended to:

- a) To approve the issuing of litter fines throughout the whole district of South Kesteven
- b) To approve the issuing of litter fines for the dropping of litter from motor vehicles

3. **Background**

A cabinet decision was taken on the 24th February 2003 to approve the implementation of a trial scheme of issuing litter fines for dropping litter on the High Street and St. Peter's Hill areas of Grantham.

Since that time eight fines have been issued, to date six have paid and the remaining two have indicated that they also will be paying.

Legislation under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 Section 88 allows the council to issue fines within the district of South Kesteven for any person seen to throw down, drop or otherwise deposit litter in a public open space.

Section 33(5) allows a fine to be issued to the registered keeper of a vehicle, if litter is seen being deposited out of that vehicle.

5. **Comments of Director of Finance and Strategic Resources**

None

6. **Comments of Corporate Manager, Democratic and Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)**

None

7. **Comments of other relevant Service Managers**

None

8. **Conclusion or Summary**

The imposing of fines for the dropping of litter sends a clear message that the council takes litter and the environment seriously. It will act as a deterrent to those who drop litter and will impact on the cleanliness of South Kesteven.

9. **Contact Officer**

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