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**Title of report:** Littering from vehicles: civil penalties

**Report :** The report is to seek approval to adopt the provisions of the Littering from vehicles outside London (Keepers: civil penalties) regulations 2018, which will facilitate the issuing of civil penalties to the registered keeper of a vehicle from which littering has taken place. Littering from vehicles is a significant problem across the UK. In Ipswich, where littering from a vehicle is witnessed, a Fixed Penalty Notice can be issued if the identity of the offender can be established to a level of proof beyond a reasonable doubt. The Government has enacted provisions that allow a litter authority to deal with this issue on a civil basis and enabled a civil penalty to be made against the registered keeper of the vehicle from which littering has taken place. Having this alternative mechanism will allow enforcement officers to use the most appropriate legislation for the offence, continue to deter individuals from littering, and allowing the council to continue to promote responsible citizenship and provide an improved environment to all.

**What evidence/data is being used to support this equality analysis? Please select all that apply.:** Customers complaints/comments

**Service area:** Public Protection

**Corporate Manager:** Gavin Fisk

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**Links to supporting documents where available:**

**Please upload any supporting documents:**

**What is proposed?:** To authorise officers to issue Penalty Notices under the legislation and update the Enforcement Policy.

**Why are the changes being introduced?:** To enable the council to fulfil its statutory obligations and provide an appropriate enforcement service to promote responsible behaviour.

**What evidence is being used to support this Equality Impact Assessment, and how is it being used?:** Consideration has been given to complaints and comments from members of the public reporting littering within the borough, as well as reviewing previous limitations with the current agreed process and legislation.

**How will this change be implemented?:** Updates to the officer authorisations, enforcement policy and process for dealing with littering from vehicles.

**Age:** No impact

**Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.:** Compliance with the Public Protection Enforcement Policy. No specific individuals or groups will be targeted unless officers have reasonable cause to suspect an offence has been or may about to be committed.

**Disability:** No impact

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**Marriage & Civil Partnership:** No impact

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**Race:** No impact

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**Pregnancy & Maternity:** No impact

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**Religion or Belief:** No impact

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**Gender Reassignment:** No impact

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**Sex:** No impact

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**Sexual Orientation:** No impact

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**I can confirm the report does meet Ipswich Borough Council's equality objectives:** I can confirm the report does meet Ipswich Borough Council's equality objectives

**The report helps us to 'eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment & victimisation' in the following way(s):** Compliance with the Public Protection Enforcement Policy. No specific individuals or groups will be targeted unless officers have reasonable cause to suspect an offence has been or may about to be committed.

**The report helps us to 'advance equality of opportunity...' in the following way(s):** : Compliance with the Public Protection Enforcement Policy. No specific individuals or groups will be targeted unless officers have reasonable cause to suspect an offence has been or may about to be committed.

**The policy helps us to 'foster good relations...' in the following way(s):** Compliance with the Public Protection Enforcement Policy. No specific individuals or groups will be targeted unless officers have reasonable cause to suspect an offence has been or may about to be committed.

**The new provisions will be reviewed in the following way(s):** Regular performance monitoring, including the outcome of Penalty Notices against agreed performance targets, i.e. time between witnessing the offence and serving the notice, and responding to appeals.

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