

**THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THIS DECISION EXPIRES AT 5.00PM ON FRIDAY,
23 NOVEMBER 2007. THE DECISION CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL
AFTER THAT DATE.**

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS AT COUNTY
HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT ON THURSDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2007

Present: Cllr Tim Hunter-Henderson - Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport

Cllr Diana Tuson - Cabinet Member for Safer Communities and Fire Modernisation

Jonathan Baker – Committee Services

Item	<u>Policy on the Use Of Fixed Penalty Notices for Environmental Offences</u>
Decision reference	43/07
Decision taken	<p>Option 1. To adopt and approve the Document titled 'Isle of Wight Council's Policy on the use of Fixed Penalty Notices for Environmental Offences'.</p> <p>Option 3. To delegate to the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods the responsibility for authorising individual officers to enforce the relevant offences contained in the document titled 'Isle of Wight Council's Enforcement Policy on the use of Fixed Penalty Notices for Environmental Offences'. This will exclude offences which are non executive functions.</p> <p>Option 4. To delegate to the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods the responsibility for authorising individual officers to enforce the relevant offences contained in the document titled 'Isle of Wight Council's Enforcement Policy on the use of Fixed Penalty Notices for Environmental Offences'. This will exclude offences which are non executive functions.</p>
Reasons for decision	To approve and adopt an enforcement policy managing the use of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for environmental and other similar offences.
Additional reasons	<p>The introduction of FPNs for offences outlined in the Policy will enhance the prospect of effective enforcement of environmental offences. This approach will also assist in avoiding costly court cases, however it will also ensure court action is taken where it is appropriate to do so.</p> <p>It is planned that officers will commence the use of FPNs with effect from 7 January 2008. Before FPNs can be issued all officers will</p>

	<p>need to be trained, publicity will need to have been undertaken and all the support services put in place.</p> <p>To implement the approved option from the Policy Commission for Safer Communities blue paper on corporate enforcement (saf4/05) to undertake a full review of environmental crime enforcement, to clearly establish roles and responsibilities for education and enforcement of environmental crime.</p>
Options considered and rejected	Option 2. To not adopt The 'Isle of Wight Council's Enforcement Policy on the use of Fixed Penalty Notices for Environmental Offences' and to make recommendations for it to be amended.
Declarations of interest	None
Additional advice received	None Received