

Reference: EIR4603

## Request:

The DEFRA Code of Conduct for the effective enforcement for litter and refuse, Sep 18, states:

11L.9 Enforcing authorities may also choose, in exceptional circumstances, to offer recipients the option of paying in instalments if they cannot afford the full amount.

I am researching how this maybe effectively implemented across the many local authorities around the country.

## Question(s)

Assuming your local authority uses Fixed Penalties as part of your environmental enforcement activity:

1) How many FPNs did you issue in the years 2020-21 and/or 2021-22 (1 Jan – 31 Dec)?

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**2020 - total = 71 - total paid 23.**

**2021 - total = 145 - total paid 47.**

**2022 - total to date = 1 - total paid to date 0.**
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a) Of which what percentage paid the penalty within a discount period?

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**100%**
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b) Of those that did not pay the penalties, what percentage did you prosecute?

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**0%**
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2) Yes or No; in the years 2020-21 and/or 2021-22 (1 Jan – 31 Dec), did your local authority offer any recipients of a fixed penalty the opportunity to pay the penalty by instalments?

\*\*The Authority does not offer instalment arrangements for FPNs.\*\*

If the answer is no, no further info is requested.

If the answer is yes, may I then also be provided with the following breakdown please?

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3) If there is a documented policy on this matter, may I receive a copy please?

Separating the answers between fly-tipping and littering:

- 4) how many FPNs were issued in each year?
- a) of which, how many were afforded the option of paying by instalments?
- b) of those, what percentage went on to default on the agreement having made, zero payment?
- c) part payment?
- d) Of those that defaulted on the agreement, what percentage did/do you prosecute?
- 5) do you offer a discount for early payment?
- a) if you do offer a discount for early payment, do you allow the discounted amount to be paid by instalments?

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