

# Licensing and Regulatory Committee

# Thursday, 20 June 2024

## Matter for Information and Decision

Report Title: Graffiti and Fly-Posting Policy (June 2024)

Report Author(s): Jon Wells (Senior Strategic Development Manager)

Purpose of Report:	To approve a Graffiti and Fly-Posting Policy which will provide clarity to Officers when dealing with graffiti and fly-posting incidents.
Report Summary:	The Council has a responsibility in partnership with others to the public to keep the borough safe, clean and green. Graffiti and fly-posting can detract from the environment and create a perception of degeneration and a lack of pride in the area. Having a Graffiti and Fly-Posting Policy is good practice and demonstrates the Councils commitment in tackling such problems as and when they arise.
Recommendation(s):	<ul> <li>A. That the Graffiti and Fly-Posting Policy provided at Appendix 1 is approved; and</li> <li>B. That delegated authority be given to the Head of Law and Democracy and Monitoring Officer, and the Senior Strategic Development Manager to make minor revisions to the Policy in light of best practice and to revise the fixed penalty notice amounts in line with government recommendations.</li> </ul>
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Strategic Objectives:	Our Council (SO1) Our Communities (SO2) Our Economy (SO3) Our Environment (SO4) Our Partners (SO5)
Vision and Values:	Customer & Community Focused (V1) Proud of Everything We Do (V2) Resourceful & Resilient (V4) Proud of Everything We Do (V2)
Report Implications:-	
Legal:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Financial:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Corporate Risk Management:	Reputation Damage (CR4) Regulatory Governance (CR6) Economy / Regeneration (CR9)

Appendices:	1. Graffiti and Fly-Posting Policy
Background Papers:	<ul> <li>Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005</li> <li>Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003</li> <li>The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014</li> </ul>
Consultees:	<ul> <li>Planning Team</li> <li>Community and Wellbeing Team</li> <li>Corporate Assets Team</li> <li>Leicestershire County Council</li> <li>Leicestershire Police</li> </ul>
Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Chief Finance Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.
Statutory Officers' Comments:-	
Health and Safety:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Human Rights:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications arising from this report. EA not applicable

### 1. Background

- 1.1 The Council promotes respect for the environment and strives to protect our communities. Graffiti and fly-posting are illegal and have a detrimental impact on the public realm.
- 1.2 Working in partnership with others is a key way of tackling such issues and the Graffiti and Fly-Posting Policy (the Policy) provided at Appendix 1 outlines the approach the Council and others will take in tackling such problems.

### 2. The Policy

2.1 The Policy identifies key areas of work which include education and prevention, enforcement and removal options. It clarifies how response will be prioritised and proposes a permission process for exceptions such as those for voluntary and charitable purposes. Providing Officers with clarity is essential to ensure they can be effective in their work.