

Request for information regarding the council's environmental enforcement activities, specifically relating to Fixed Penalty Notices issued for offences such as littering, spitting, dog fouling, fly-tipping, and Public Spaces Protection Order breaches.

Please provide the information for the last four financial years: 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25, and 2025/26 to date, or calendar years 2023–2026 if financial year data is unavailable.

1. Outsourcing & Contracts:

a) Does the council contract out its environmental enforcement service to a private third-party provider, or perform these duties in-house?

These duties are performed in-house by Edinburgh Council Staff.

b) If outsourced, please state the name of the contractor(s) and the start and end date of the current contract in place.

N/A

2. FPN Volume: How many Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) have been issued in each of the requested years? Please provide a breakdown by offence category, such as littering, spitting, dog fouling, fly-tipping, PSPO breaches, and any other relevant categories.

Fixed Penalty Notices issued by the Street Enforcement Team are listed in the table below. The City of Edinburgh Council does not issue FPNs for fly tipping, they are issued and recorded as either domestic or trade waste offences. The City of Edinburgh Council does not issue FPNs for spitting. Public Spaces Protection Orders are not enforceable in Scotland and there is no Scottish legislative equivalent.

FPNs issued	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	TOTAL
Domestic Waste	2 issued 2 paid @ £200	5 issued 3 paid at £200	2 issued 2 paid @ £200	1 issued 1 paid @ £500	10 issued £1900
Dog Fouling	3 issued 2 paid @ £80	2 issued 1 paid @ £80	2 issued 2 paid @ £80	0 issued	7 issued £400
Littering	1 issued 0 paid 0 appeals	1 issued 0 paid 0 appeals	1 issued 1 paid @ £80 0 appeals	1 issued 0 paid 0 appeals	4 issued £80 0 appeals
Trade Waste	98 issued 64 paid @ £200 0 FPNs appealed	123 issued 76 paid @ £200 0 FPNs appealed	123 issued 58 paid @ £200 * 14 paid @ £500 1 FPN appealed 1 appeal rejected	66 issue 41 paid @ £500 5 FPNs appealed 3 appeals rejected 2 appeals upheld	410 issued £67100 received 6 FPNs appealed 4 appeals rejected 2 appeals upheld

* The FPN amount was increased by the Scottish Government from £200 to £500 and implemented from November 2024.

3. Revenue Generated: What is the total income/revenue (£) received by the council from environmental FPN payments in each of the requested years? Please provide figures split by category of offence, if available. –

[Please see the above table.](#)

4. Representations and Appeals:

a) How many FPNs were formally disputed, appealed, or subject to written representations in each of the requested years, broken down by category of offence?

b) Of those disputed or appealed, how many were:

i) cancelled or upheld in favour of the recipient (successful);

ii) rejected or upheld in favour of the council (unsuccessful); and

iii) currently pending an outcome?

[Please see table above for all points.](#)

5. Prosecutions: How many individuals or entities have been prosecuted in the Magistrates' Court for non-payment of FPNs or direct environmental offences in each of the requested years, broken down by category of offence?

[We can confirm that no individuals have been prosecuted in the requested years.](#)