

**COUNCIL
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TITLE OF REPORT: NOTICE OF MOTIONS

The following amendment to a motion has been submitted:

Action on Fly-tipping

Amendment to be moved by Councillor Mick Debenham and seconded by Councillor Vijaiya Poopalasingham.

Fly-tipping is a blight on our towns and villages which causes damage and pollution to the local environment, endangers public health and results in the perception of an area shifting from one that is looked after and protected to one of neglect and decline.

It's a crime which incurs significant cost to the taxpayer, with the Hertfordshire Waste Partnership estimating Councils across the county are required to over £1 million every year to clean-up and investigate illegally dumped waste.

Rural communities are also disproportionately impacted by this crime with farmers, who already face increased hardship, often being required to pay thousands of pounds to remove fly-tipped waste from their land, and recently the National Farmers Union estimated the cost of rural crime in Hertfordshire, including fly-tipping, increased to £1.23 million.

Therefore, Council resolves:

1. To use its powers given under the Environmental Protection Act (1990) to issue Fixes Penalty Notices for minor fly tipping offences. In line with the 2023 amendment increasing the maximum fine to £1000, higher penalties will be applied where appropriate. the powers given to local authorities by the previous Conservative Government to increase fixed penalty notices issued by North Hertfordshire District Council for fly-tipping to £1000 as opposed to the current £400 fine.
2. To instruct Officers to work on a public information campaign to increase awareness of the SCRAP code, as well as the steps members of public should take to report fly-tipping to the Council.
3. ~~To adopt a policy to name offenders who are convicted of fly-tipping in Council Press Releases.~~