

QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS

Question Number	Question asked by Councillor:	Subject
CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES, SAFETY AND JUSTICE Councillor Hamida Ali		
CQ032-17	Creatura, M	Fly-postering

CQ032-17 **from Councillor Mario Creatura**

Councillor Hamida Ali

Can the Cabinet Member please detail the following please:

- How many cases of fly-posting have been reported to the Council by residents since May 2014?
- How many cases of fly-posting have been noted independently by officers since May 2014?
- How many of those are 'repeat offenders'?
- How many have resulted in a 'warning' visit from enforcement officers? Please divide these by those highlighted by residents and those noted by officers.
- How many of those have resulted in some form of formal enforcement? Please detail the action taken again dividing between those highlighted by residents and those noted by officers.

Reply

- 1. How many cases of fly-posting have been reported to the Council by residents since May 2014?**

748 have been reported and removed across the service. Unfortunately the method of reporting and recording does not allow us to differentiate between residents and other sources.

- 2. How many cases of fly-posting have been noted independently by officers since May 2014?**

As above these figures cannot be separated as are recorded together. **748** fly post reports have been recorded since 2014.

- 3. How many of those are 'repeat offenders'?**

From our records we can find only 1 who could be deemed to be a repeat offender.

- 4. How many have resulted in a 'warning' visit from enforcement officers? Please divide these by those highlighted by residents and those noted by officers.**

The council do not generally visit organisations suspected of fly posting. The first stage in the process is to try and contact who we think is responsible, advise them that what they are doing is illegal and ask that they remove the posters. This is successful in the vast majority of cases. If they refuse or we get evidence of further incidents the council would then issue a formal written warning. Our records show that 4 Premises or businesses have received written warnings.

5. How many of those have resulted in some form of formal enforcement? Please detail the action taken again dividing between those highlighted by residents and those noted by officers.

There has been 1 prosecuted, who were fined and ordered to pay a combined total of £10,230. The level of detail as to who reported the incidents has not been recorded (as a witness to the posters actually being up is not necessary for a prosecution unless a person sees the offender putting them up.)