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Its all in the Delivery!
Providing Excellence in Local
Government front line Services
Open the box! Use your legislative tool
kit for better services.

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ISSUES CONSIDERED

- ✓ Type and nature of powers/duties
- ✓ Focus on some Environmental powers/Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007/Sustainable Communities Act 2007
- ✓ Achieving effective use to improve Services

CONTEXT

- ✓ Wide range of services which council may be responsible for carrying out directly or indirectly
- ✓ Housing, education, social services, environmental, highways, planning, leisure and in respect of which there are large number of duties and powers.

“THE PALETTE”

✓ Legislative Action

- § Orders
- § Byelaws

✓ Executive Action

- § Various
- § Joint ventures
- § Procuring

✓ Quasi judicial Action

- § Planning
- § Licensing

✓ Enforcement Action

- § Prosecution
 - ú FPN
- § Civil Action
 - ú Notice/injunction
 - ú Possession
- § ASBO
- § Parenting Contract

WASTE/ENVIRONMENT

- ✓ Frontline/noticed/makes the news for good and bad reasons
- ✓ The way we chose to exercise them may impact on perception of excellence

ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCES

- ✓ Offence of throwing, dropping or depositing litter in the open
- ✓ Litter clearing notice on owner/occupiers (fine/FPN)
- ✓ Printed matter distribution on Designated land without Authority consent (fine/FPN)
- ✓ Street litter control notices (fine/FPN)
- ✓ Power to charge person believed to be the owner of abandoned shopping trolley for removal storage and disposal
- ✓ Graffiti removal notices (but not parks open spaces or privately owned buildings)
- ✓ Graffiti FPNs

ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCES (CONT'D)

- ✓ Duty to enforce and review enforcement of aerosol paints to minors
- ✓ Removal of abandoned motor vehicles
- ✓ Nuisance parking (Sale or repair on the road) (fine/FPN)
- ✓ Gating orders to prevent crime or anti-social behavior
- ✓ Various Highways and traffic powers e.g. stopping up, obstruction
- ✓ Alcohol - Designated Public places order
- ✓ Dog Control Orders - Faeces, use of leads, exclusion from certain areas, number limitations (level 3 fine/FPN)

BYELAWS

- ✓ Simplified procedure introduced under Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007
- ✓ FPNs
- ✓ Community Support Officers

INJUNCTIONS

- ✓ LA may apply for injunction - expedient for promotion or protection of the interests of the inhabitants of the area
- ✓ Power of arrest attached to the injunction



NEW (ISH) LEGISLATION

- ✓ Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007/ Statutory Guidance
- ✓ Power to involve
- ✓ Sustainable Communities Act 2007
- ✓ Link to well-being



USING THEM EFFECTIVELY

- ✓ Perceptions
- ✓ Tolerance levels
- ✓ Surveillance - Necessary and proportionate
- ✓ Getting the public, Magistrates, media etc on board
- ✓ On-going Communication/education
- ✓ Examples of good and bad

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