

FOI Ref

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(CCC) Dog Fouling

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information act.

1. For the full calendar years between 2017 and 2021, please can you provide:

a) A list of all dog fouling incidents reported to your council and where they occurred in your council area

b) Whether those incidents resulted in an FPN being issued

c) How much the fine was in GBP for FPNs for each of those years

2. The name of the external company you currently use for dog fouling enforcement or confirmation that it is an internal council matter

3. How much was spent in the calendar year 2020 - 2021 on the contract with the external company or on dog fouling enforcement internally

Response:

Thank you for your request for information above, which we have dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I hope the following will answer your query:

1. a and b. We do not hold information on dog fouling incidents as a single entity - it is recorded as 'faeces' which also includes human faeces and other animal faeces. If you would like this data, it can be provided for January 2020 onwards only.

c. The fine level for dog fouling within Cambridge has been set at £75 (reduced to £50 if a payment is made within 10 days) since 2017.

2. Dog fouling enforcement is currently part of the Public Realm Enforcement Team within the council, no external company is used.

3. Dog fouling enforcement is currently part of the Public Realm Enforcement Team, there is not a specific spend on dog fouling enforcement. It is part of the role of environmental crime investigated by the enforcement officers and no figure can be provided.

We aim to provide a high-quality service to you and hope that you are satisfied with this response. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk