

(CCC) Litter

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Do you have any bins which electronically advise on fill levels? If so, how many out of your current total are these?

Does Cambridge City Council issue fines for littering? If so, how many did you issue in 2020? If so, what is the standard fine amount levied?

Do you employ a private sector environmental enforcement company (such as Kingdom Services Group)? If yes, who are they and when did the contract begin?

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How much money did you spend on general street cleansing in 2020?

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How many roadside signs asking people not to litter do you have in the Cambridge City Council area?

Response

The City Council will in early July start a public consultation on the development of a litter strategy. This report ([linked here](#)) sought and had approved the principles to achieving the development of a litter strategy for Cambridge.

The Strategy will have four key parts to it:

- I. A strategic vision including a set of principles and policies.
- II. A detailed appraisal of current service issues identifying areas of opportunity and setting out a current.
- III. A review of current and potential future behavioural change activities to help deliver the Strategy.
- IV. And an action plan which sets out a phased programme of activity to deliver the Strategy.

The report sets the context, and a summary of our statutory duties to keep land and highways clear of litter and refuse.

It also summarises powers notably the section 5 of the Litter Act 1983, the Council has powers to provide and may maintain in any street or public place receptacles for refuse or litter.

The report acknowledges that the Council also have powers to prosecute those who drop litter, or to issue fixed penalties in lieu of prosecution.

The report details the scope of work to achieve the Strategy.

The Strategy has the following primary objectives.

- To improve the efficiency of the service and this could include time saved, financial gain, improved service delivery and improved management of service resources.
- To produce quality information and data to support service improvements.
- Improvements to and the integration of service delivery standards aligned to customers managed expectations, using online digital systems.

With regards your specific questions

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We currently use the 138900 value. More details can be found on our website <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/census>

How many bins (public) did Cambridge City Council have in January 2021?

We had 1889 bins

How many bins (public) did you have in January 2020?

We had 1864 bins

Do you have any bins which electronically advise on fill levels? If so, how many out of your current total are these?

We are currently trialling 6 of this style of bin (May til November)

Does Cambridge City Council issue fines for littering? If so, how many did you issue in 2020? If so, what is the standard fine amount levied?

In 2020 we issued 278 Fixed Penalty Notices for littering offences. This is littering on foot, litter from vehicle eg cigarette end and dumped waste that is a quantity of one bin bag or less.

The above figure is less than normal years. Due to Covid in 2020 between April – July we stopped issuing fines and obviously there was a lot less people out on the streets.

Littering offence, the fine is £150 reduced to £90 if paid in the first 10 days.

Do you employ a private sector environmental enforcement company (such as Kingdom Services Group)? If yes, who are they and when did the contract begin?

We do not employ private sector companies.

How much money did you spend on picking up litter in 2020?

We do not hold this information. We do not account for or record costs associated with individual tasks.

How much money did you spend on general street cleansing in 2020?

£3,049,603 which includes a central overhead charge of £373,945

Are you running an anti-littering campaign in Cambridge? If so, what are the details?

We have no campaigns currently.

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How many roadside signs asking people not to litter do you have in the Cambridge City Council area?

We do not use these types of signs.

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