WELSH GOVERNMENT

CONSULTATION – FLY-TIPPING

Consultation Response Form

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Question 1: Do you think introducing Fixed Penalty Notices for small scale fly-tipping will be a useful tool for Local Authorities to tackle small scale fly-tipping?

Yes. The notices should be available for both Principal and Local Councils.

Question 2:Do you believe the proposed amount for the fixed penalty(between £150 and £400)will act as a sufficient deterrent for small scale fly-tipping?

No. The penalties should be greater than proposed. (ie £1,000)

Question 3:Do you agree with inclusion of an option for early payment of the fixed penalty and with the lowest amount suggested?

Yes.

Question 4:Should the power to issue FPNs for small scale flytipping be extended to other authorised officers besides those designated by Local Authorities, for example officers in Natural Resources Wales (NRW)?

Yes.

All Councils should have the same powers for staff who have been on a fixed penalty course.

Question 5:What training and guidance support, if any, do you believe enforcing authorities require when implementing FPNs for small scale fly-tipping? Please provide details.

Clear guidance is necessary setting out clearly what evidence is needed. (ie identification in a rubbish sack should be enough for that person to be fined).

There are courses for FPN's but expensive. Help on funding such courses would be welcomed.

Question 6: Are the figures used in the impact assessment an accurate reflection of the costs incurred by Local Authorities when investigating/ prosecuting/ clearing small scale fly-tipping incidents? If not, please provide further details.

Yes from the little knowledge we have of that aspect.

Question 7:We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not been specifically addressed, please use this space to raise them:

- i) There needs to be a duty on issuing authorities. For example many issue letters and further letters before taking forward fines. That does not help.
- ii) These proposals are fine for today, however the Government should look at packaging at source to reduce the effects of fly tipping and aid re-cycling.
- iii) The Association is willing to give oral evidence for the relevant committee if that were felt to be helpful.

Responses

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