



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot  
Neath Port Talbot Council

# Fly Tipping – The NPT Approach

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# Fly tipping

‘Illegal deposit of any waste onto land that does not have a licence to accept it’

(Keep Britain Tidy)

‘Fly-tipping is a blight on our communities’

(Welsh Government)

# Legal Responsibilities

- Environmental Protection Act 1990

## Local Authorities

- Duty to remove fly tipping on public land
- Authority to investigate and enforce powers (public and private land)

# Large scale fly tipping



# Options

- Do nothing

*Legislation - so not an option*



# Options

- Remove as quickly as possible  
*Works for some*
- Investigate and enforce powers  
*Hard line approach?*
  - Education  
*Ok, for those who listen*
- Combination of all above  
*The NPT Approach*

# Same perpetrator





# Neath Port Talbot

- One of 22 welsh unitary authorities
- Combination of coastal and valleys
- Industry and tourism
- High levels of deprivation in places



# Waste enforcement service

- Senior Enforcement Officer
- Six Enforcement Officers
- Others with some powers  
(eg. Trade Waste Officer)

# The team



# Evolution of the service

- Structures / line management
- Move from uniformed officers
- Increase in enforcement and educational officers
- Some vehicles with logo some without



# Working together

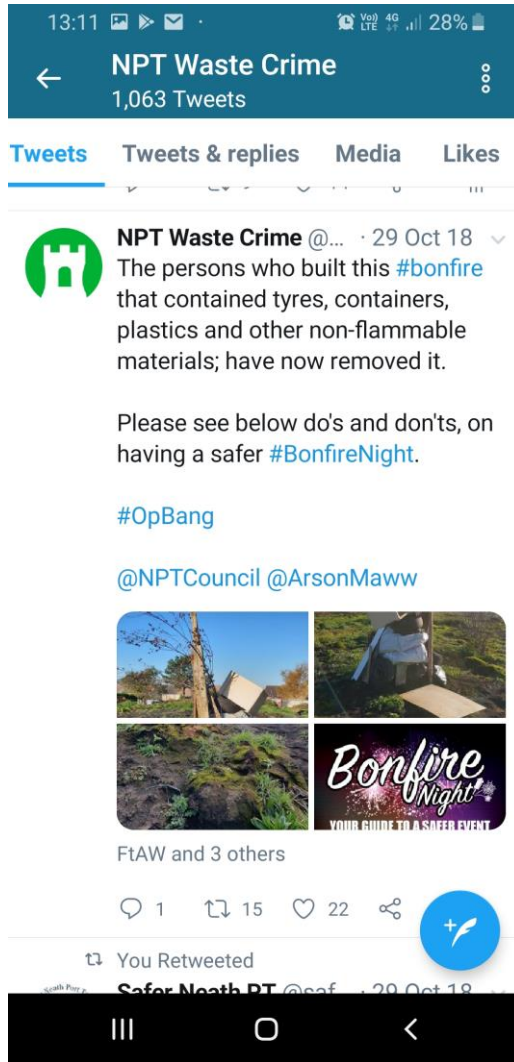
- Supervisors
- Political and Chief Executive support
- Legal advice – evidence files
- Legal support – ‘dedicated’ solicitor



# Other Agencies

- The Police
- The Fire Service – Arson Team
- Social Housing Providers
- Probation Service
- National Resources Wales (NRW)

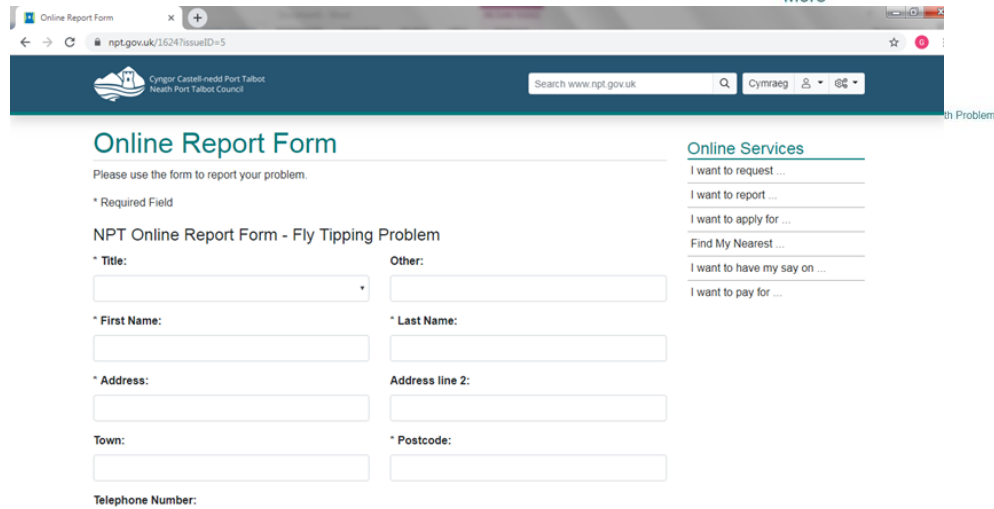
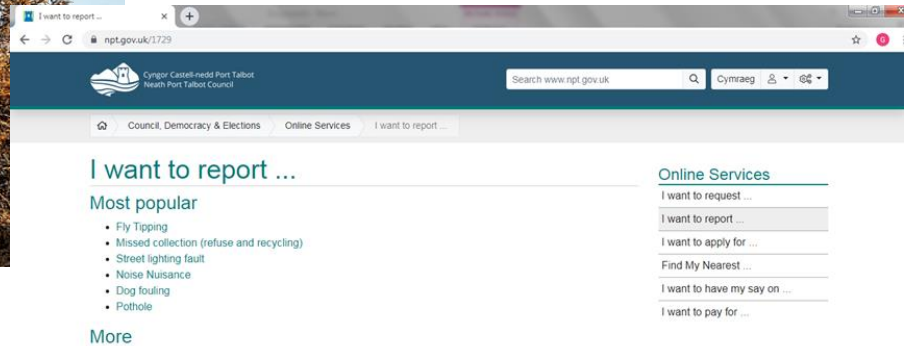
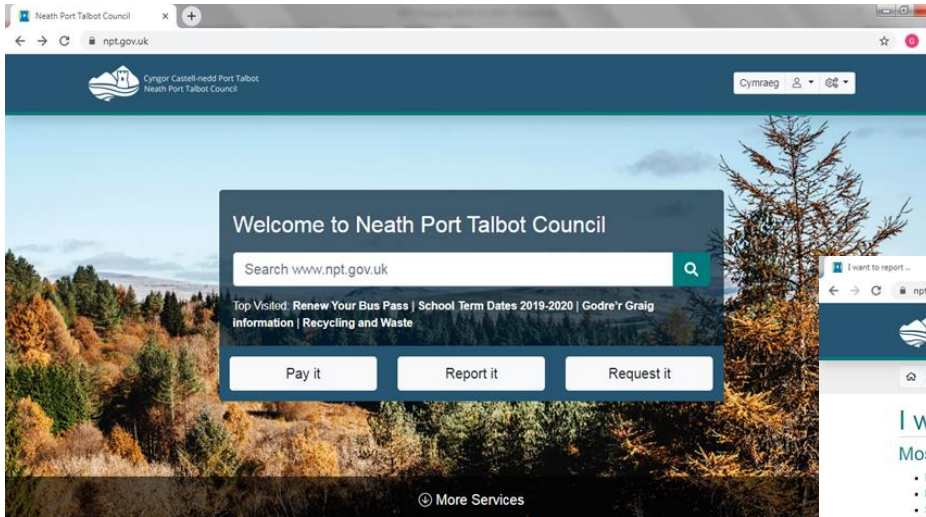




# Process

- Reporting options – online, phone or social media
- Internal sources
- Filtering – likelihood of evidence
- Evidence unlikely – cleansing teams to remove
- Evidence likely – enforcement officers





# Investigation

## Evidence

- Address within waste
- Witness
- CCTV

## Social media - proactive

# Use of Powers

- PACE Interview
- Arrest
- Vehicle Seizure
- Fixed Penalty Notice
- Court Prosecution
- Depositor
- Duty of Care
- Embrace new legislation



# Seized vehicle



# Education

- Use of media, especially social media
- Naming and shame
- Online videos



# Duty of Care



# NPT – Fly-tipping Incidents Reported

2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
2,107	1,406	1,269	1,267	1,271	1,050	1,056



# Waste service changes

- Fortnightly collection of household waste
- Side waste restrictions
- HWRC's – reduction of opening hours
- HWRC's – introduction of challenge areas
- Bulk collection service increase in charges



# Disgruntled customer



# Prosecutions

Neath Port Talbot Fly - Tipping Prosecutions							
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Prosecution Outcomes	45	14	12	30	19	17	34

Rest of Wales Fly - Tipping Prosecutions							
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Prosecution Outcomes	61	73	73	75	34	38	39

# Costs

- Enforcement service £320k
- Value of fines, FPN's £20k
- Cost of clearing £153k

# What next?

- Trading Standards – rouge traders
- Community groups
- Further reductions in fly tipping

