

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL

Response to Request for Information

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Public Urination

Request:

1. What byelaws exist in your council area concerning public urination?
[Please see information provided on page 2.](#)
2. How many offenders against these byelaws have been subject to a fine on summary conviction in your council area in the following calendar years:
 - A. 2010 - 0
 - B. 2011 - 0
 - C. 2012 - 0
 - D. 2013 - 0
 - E. 2014 - 0
 - F. 2015 - 0
 - G. 2016 - 0
 - H. 2017 - 0
3. What is the value of the fine issued to offenders against these byelaws in your council area?
[N/A – no fines issued.](#)

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 The Good Rule and Government Byelaws contain 12 clauses governing the following matters:

3. Riding horses on road margins and verges
(**applies to those areas where this cannot be regulated by means of a traffic regulation order**)
4. Vehicles driving and parking on road margins and verges
(**applies to those areas where this cannot be regulated by means of a traffic regulation order**)
5. Skateboarding etc to prohibit skateboarding in designated areas
6. Skateboarding etc to prohibit dangerous or nuisance skateboarding on footpaths and roads
7. Fairground attractions causing obstruction to traffic
8. Dangerous games near highways
9. Playing games on highways to the annoyance of local residents
10. Touting
11. Urinating, etc
12. Interference with road warning equipment
13. Interference with life saving equipment
14. Climbing upon and hanging from bridges

1.2 These Byelaws replace earlier Good Rule and Government Byelaws and came into effect on 6 February 2010.

2.0 Principles of Enforcement

2.1 This policy describes the enforcement approach the Public Protection Service will follow in respect of contravention of the byelaws. It incorporates the principles of good enforcement set out in the Regulatory Services and Public Protection Enforcement Policies.

2.2 Whilst a balanced approach is an important element of the Enforcement Policies a firm and resolute approach will be taken against persistent offenders.

2.3 The aim of this policy is to improve local environments, prevent hazards and annoyance and to make Wolverhampton a pleasant place for residents and encourage visitors.

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3.0 Enforcement

- 3.1 Currently the sanctions under the byelaws are to issue a warning, simple caution or legal proceedings. This policy takes into account the Government intention to introduce Fixed Penalty Notices for byelaw offences.
- 3.2 The key to successful control of actions covered by the byelaws is to ensure that individuals are aware of the legal position and that appropriate enforcement action will be taken where offences occur.
- 3.3 The possible enforcement actions are:-
- Warning letter
 - Issue fixed penalty notice (when introduced)
 - Simple Caution
 - Prosecution
 - Injunctions (normally used where prosecution has failed to prevent repeat offences)
- 3.4 Offences will be judged on their merits. Written warnings will be given for most first offences and prosecution (or fixed penalty notice when introduced) for second offences. However, because of the serious nature of offences under the following byelaws the normal course of action will be prosecution (or fixed penalty notice when introduced):
12. Interference with road warning equipment
 13. Interference with life saving equipment
 14. Climbing upon and hanging from bridges