

Fly Tipping Review



Environment & Economy Select Committee – 14th July 2026

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Agenda

1. Background and current position
2. Performance data and hotspot analysis
3. Investigation and enforcement approach
4. Partnership working and prevention
5. Action Plan and recommendations
6. Next steps

Background

- Fly tipping is a criminal offence under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
- It impacts residents, neighbourhoods, biodiversity, public confidence and Council finances.
- Stevenage receives around 2,800 reports annually, requiring a coordinated multi-agency response.
- Our approach focuses on prevention, education, intelligence, enforcement and rapid clearance.

Fly Tipping – Definition

The unauthorised deposit of controlled waste without a permit or lawful authority.

- Stevenage's position: adopt a zero-tolerance, intelligence-led approach balancing education with proportionate enforcement.

Fly Tipping Data

Total reported fly tips per month in Stevenage

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
April	194	386	334	185	167	89	239	182	208	255	257
May	277	353	314	132	157	229	249	159	165	278	234
June	280	413	267	123	116	210	281	227	160	241	292
July	319	389	233	117	154	388	264	259	157	244	329
August	320	441	206	214	143	341	278	313	180	278	231
September	282	385	169	209	164	327	172	251	181	250	250
October	251	337	147	150	173	268	205	281	183	298	278
November	245	355	147	184	139	215	351	271	172	219	123
December	266	293	126	190	157	200	302	250	145	215	183
January	191	288	225	190	141	266	328	247	220	250	240
February	125	303	166	168	145	269	253	256	192	249	125
March	176	348	161	200	138	354	301	203	188	281	239
	2926	4291	2495	2062	1794	3156	3223	2899	2151	3058	2781

Annual fly tipping total figures from 2015-2025, which shows on **average** over the past decade we clear a yearly total of **2,803** fly tips from Stevenage

Fly Tipping Data 2025-26

Breakdown of fly tipping incidents 2025-26

Location	Total incidents 2025-26	2781
	Council Land (including bring banks and flats)	2319
	Footpath/bridleway	368
	Private/residential	45
	Back Alleyways	41
	Highways	6
	Watercourse/bank	2

Waste type	Total incidents 2025-26	2781
	Household waste	1228
	'Other' waste	776
	Household black bags	320
	Electrical	216
	Construction waste	114
	White Goods	49
	Green Waste	29
	Other commercial waste	20
	Vehicle Parts	17
	Commercial black bags	9
	Tyres	2
	Oil drums	1

Fly Tipping Data

- Table 1 below details reported instances of fly tipping in Hertfordshire in 2024/25, as reported to Defra by local authorities, via WasteDataFlow. The annual statistics for 2024/25 were published in March 2026.

Authority	Total incidents	Incidents per 1000 people	Most common land type	Second most common land type	Incidents with volume equivalent to 'car boot or less'	Incidents with volume equivalent to 'tipper lorry load'
Broxbourne	1,424	14.0	Highway	Private/residential	523	8
Dacorum	1,899	11.8	Council land	Highway	441	70
East Herts	761	4.9	Council land	Highway	236	53
Hertsmere	1,094	9.9	Highway	Council land	192	10
North Herts	1,387	10.1	Council land	Highway	281	89
St Albans	919	6.1	Highway	Footpath/bridleway	222	7
Stevenage	3,058	33.3	Council land	Footpath/bridleway	969	107
Three Rivers	455	4.7	Highway	Council land	99	25
Watford	1,346	12.6	Highway	Private/residential	203	0
Welwyn Hatfield	3,028	24.7	Council land	Other/unidentified	648	160
Totals	15,371				3,814	529

Enforcement Data 2025/26

Enforcement Outcome	Number of Cases
Fly-tip removed by identified perpetrator following intervention	129
Cases resolved through Tenancy Enforcement	2
Fixed Penalty Notices Served	13
Fixed Penalty Notices Paid	11
Unpaid Fixed Penalty Notices referred for legal action	2

Locations

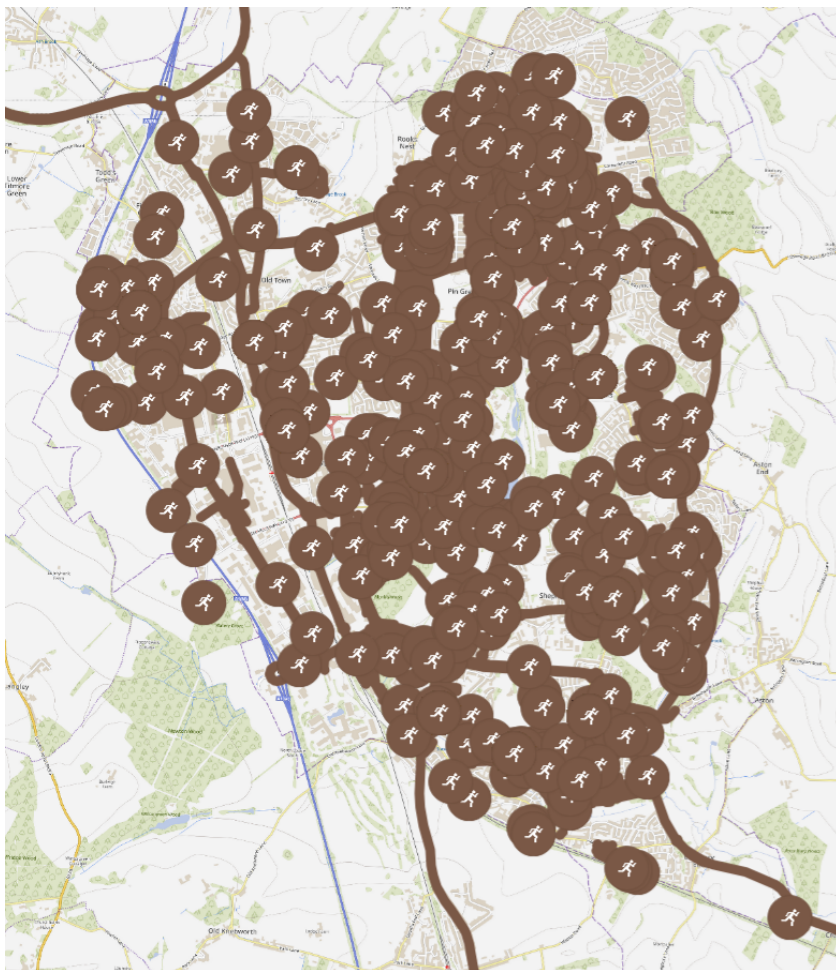
- **Council land:** investigate, secure evidence, remove waste and pursue enforcement.
- **Private land:** advise landowners and enforce where legislation permits. Liaise with landowner to report to Police as Criminal Offence. If perpetrator is identified they will be prosecuted and can receive an unlimited fine and/or up to 5 years imprisonment.
- **Housing Estates:** joint working between Housing, ASB Team, Community Safety and Environmental Services, including tenancy enforcement where appropriate.

Fly Tipping Data – Hot Spots

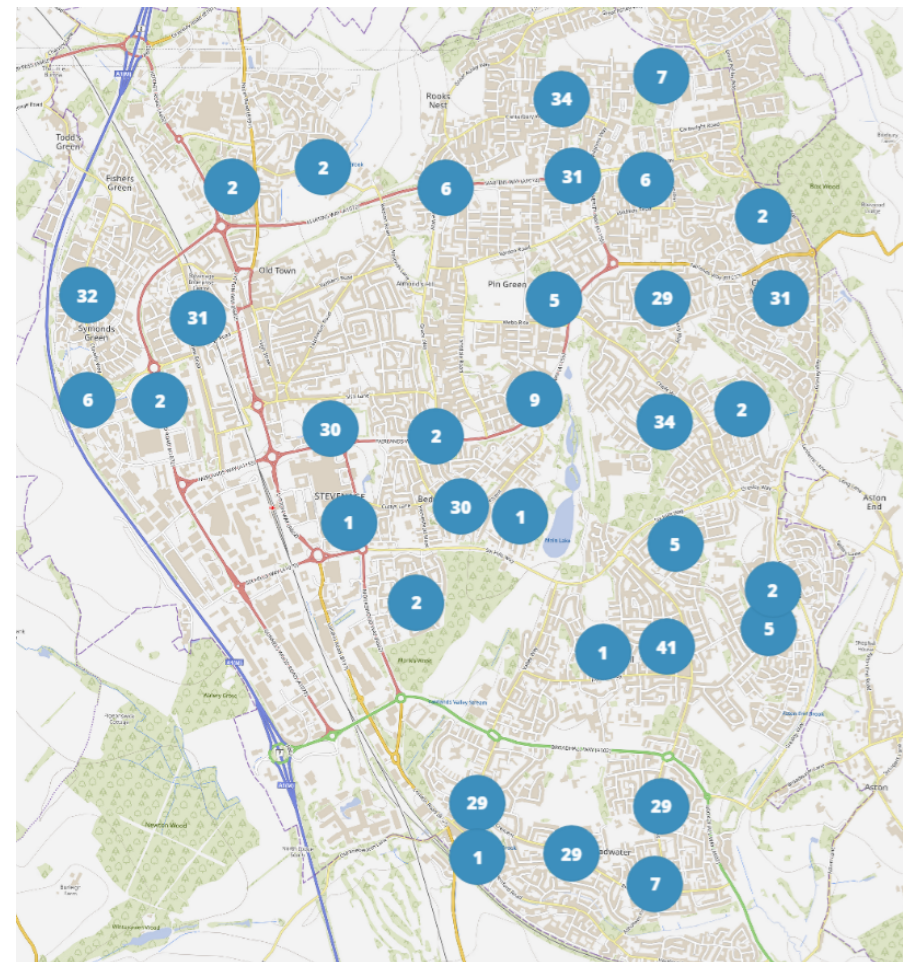
CANTERBURY WAY	28
EXETER CLOSE	16
BROADWATER CRESCENT	14
ARCHER ROAD	13
VARDON ROAD	12
PIN GREEN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE	11
LONSDALE ROAD	10
RIPON ROAD	10
SPRING DRIVE	10
VALLEY WAY	10
YORK ROAD	10

- This table shows hot spots for fly tipping since our new digital system was introduced in September 2025
- Our 'bring banks' are also a main source of fly tipping but aren't included on this table

Fly Tipping Data – Hot Spots



This map plots every reactive fly tip we have had since Alloy went live in September (3,797). This shows fly tipping occurs throughout the town. It does not clearly show when they are one offs or multiple in the same location, however.



This map shows fly tipping in May/June, and groups reports that are close together.

Reporting Process / Clearance

- Online reporting and partner referrals
- Risk assess and preserve evidence
- Investigate where evidence exists
- Clear within service standards
- Share intelligence and monitor repeat locations

Investigation Process (1 of 3)

- Report received online via online reporting system. If any of the questions relating to evidence are ticked 'yes' this is sent through to the ASB inbox.
- The case is allocated to the local ASB Officer to review. They will visit and attempt to obtain any evidence from the Fly tip, CCTV, Witness Statements etc.
- If items are outside a property, Officers will conduct door knocks to try and determine where the waste originates. If located, Officers will give the perpetrator a few days to get the area cleared before it is sent for clearance, and they receive an FPN.

Investigation Process (2 of 3)

- Where evidence is available but not within the locality of the address, the ASB Officer will invite the perpetrator in for an interview. The perpetrator will then be interviewed under caution by an Accredited Officer. The Officer will then decide if the evidential test has been met and serve an FPN of £400, reduced to £300 if paid with 14 days.
- If the Fly Tip is large scale, Police will be informed and it will be recorded as a crime where the ASB Officer will work alongside Police to identify the perpetrators.

Investigation Process (3 of 3)

- If an FPN is not paid after 28 days, the case is referred to legal for prosecution. If found guilty at court perpetrators can receive an unlimited fine, a lesser fine or a prison sentence of up to 5 years.
- We also use tenancy enforcement actions where SBC tenants are involved.
- ASB Officers can also issue fines for litter for £70, reduced to £50 if paid within 14 days.

Enforcement Powers / Toolkit

- FPNs of £400 – reduced to £300 if paid within 14 days
- CPN / Ws for repeat offenders of Fly Tipping
- NOSPs against SBC tenants who Fly Tip
- Recharges to the resident of flat block responsible for Fly Tipping within a flat block rather than block wide recharge.

Enforcement History

- **Period – 2025 / 2026**
- Number of investigations – 193
- Outcomes:
- In 129 cases the perpetrator removed the Flytipping themselves.
- 2 Cases were dealt with via their tenancy.
- 13 FPNs issued – 11 Paid and have been referred to legal.
- 49 cases that were sent to the ASB team where a perpetrator could not be identified.

Engagement & Behavioural Change



LET'S S.C.R.A.P. FLY TIPPING!

We ALL have a DUTY OF CARE, to ensure our household or business waste is disposed of legally and not fly tipped. Avoid an UNLIMITED FINE by following the S.C.R.A.P. code:

- S**uspect ALL waste carriers
- C**heck with the Environment Agency on 03708 506 506 that the provider taking your waste away is licensed
- R**efuse unexpected offers to have waste taken away
- A**sk what will happen to your waste
- P**aperwork should be obtained – get a full receipt

Around two thirds of fly tips are household waste. These are all examples of fly tipping which YOU could be fined or prosecuted for.

For more information on preventing fly tipping or to report fly tipping
hertfordshire.gov.uk/flytipping

For information about the Household Waste Recycling Centres
wasteaware.org.uk



Herts Waste Partnership

- Herts Fly Tipping Group
- Waste Aware
- Let's SCRAP Fly tipping campaign



FLY TIPPING IS THE ILLEGAL DUMPING OF ITEMS

IT CAN BE AS SMALL AS A SINGLE BAG, TO...

AN ENTIRE TRUCK LOAD OF RUBBISH

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hertfordshire.gov.uk/flytipping

WasteAware
Police & Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire

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Raising Awareness with the public

- Stevenage Day
- Cavendish Road Depot Open Day
- School assemblies
- 'Scrap Fly Tipping' banners on waste and recycling vehicles
- Community litter picks



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⚠️ Make sure you aren't fly tipping by following S.C.R.A.P:

! Suspect all waste carriers. Don't let them take your rubbish until they provide proof of registration. Note their vehicle's registration plate.

👤 Check that a waste carrier is registered with the Environment Agency.

🚫 Refuse any unexpected offers to have your rubbish taken away.

💬 Ask how your rubbish will be disposed of - seek evidence of this.

📄 Paperwork must be obtained: a proper invoice, waste transfer note or receipt, including a description of the waste being removed and the waste carrier's contact details.

Spotted a fly-tip? Report it to us online here: <http://www.stevenage.gov.uk/.../street-care.../fly-tipping> See less

Social Media

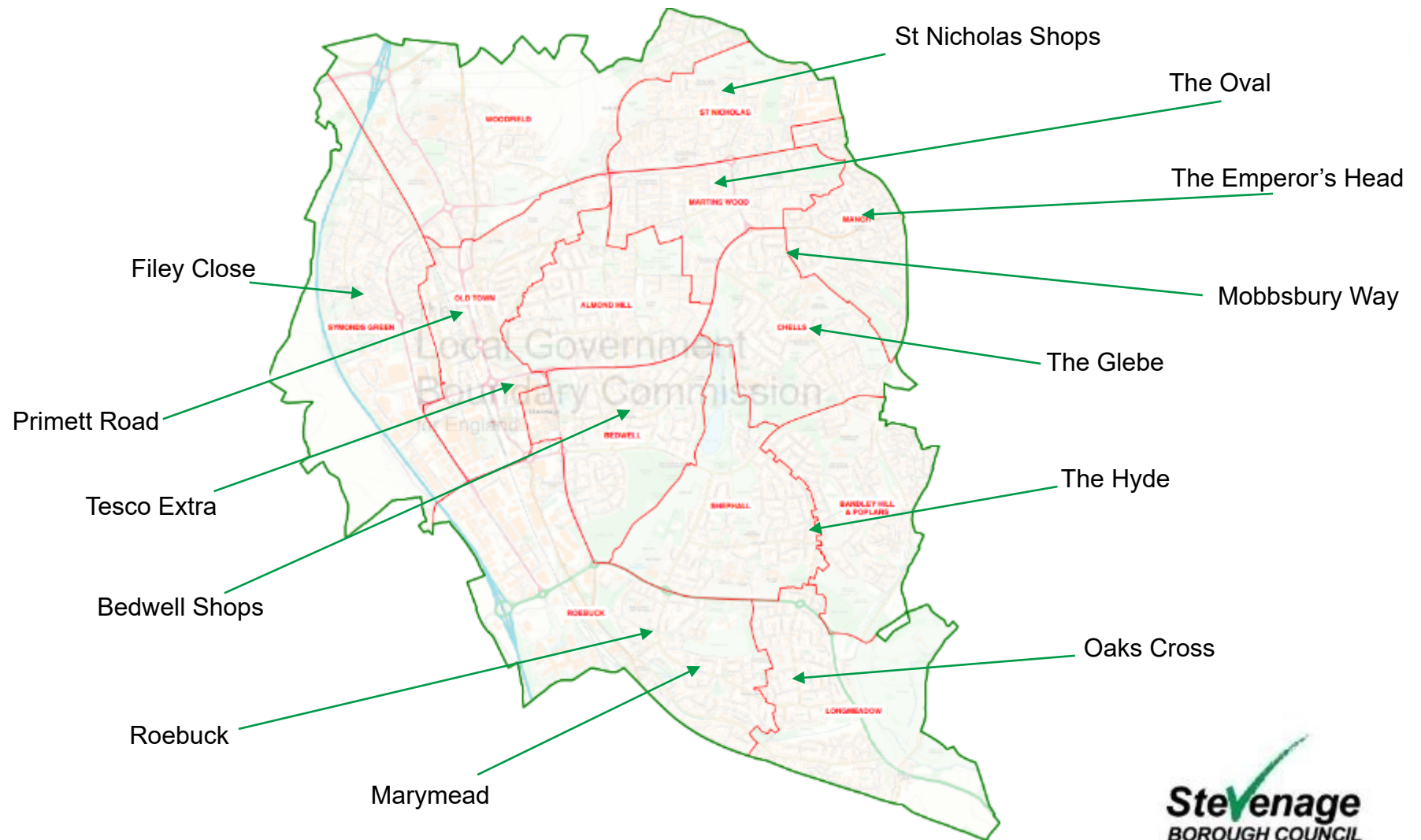
- The last two posts on social media have had very little interaction
- Future posts could include photographs of fly tips in Stevenage and promoting enforcement stats when we have had more success with prosecutions

Leaving **YOUR**
rubbish around
litter bins **IS**
fly tipping



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'Bring Bank' Map



Bring Banks

- Currently 13 Recycling 'Bring Bank' sites across the town.
- Intended for residents with excess recycling and flats without recycling.
- Serviced at least 3 times a week.
- Daily reports of misuse and fly tipping.
- Cleansing team (shops crew) clear fly tipping several days a week.
- Fly tipping at bring banks accounted for 35% of all incidents cleared in 2025/26.



Bring Banks



Bring Banks



Review of Bring Bank Sites

- With 'Simpler Recycling' now in place, all properties now have waste and recycling facilities.
- Review the current scope and location of Bring Banks sites.
- Would less sites with improved facilities support residents and reduce fly tipping?
- What have other LAs in Hertfordshire done?



Bring Bank Improvements

- Improvements completed across eight sites in June 2025.
- Removal of old frames no longer fit for purpose.
- Installation of new frames, bins, stickers and signage.
- Bins with targeted apertures introduced, to help reduce contamination.
- Unfortunately, problems with fly tipping remain.



Bulky Waste Service

Number of Items	Full Price	Concession Price
1 - 3 items	£51.00	£51.00 (no concession)
4 items	£65.00	£48.75
5 items	£79.00	£59.25
6 items	£93.00	£69.75
7 items	£107.00	£80.25
8 items	£121.00	£90.75
9 items	£135.00	£101.25
10 items	£149.00	£111.75
Cancellation	£12.00	£12.00 (no concession)

We collect: cookers, carpets, dishwashers, vacuum cleaners, mattresses, tables, settees, free standing wardrobes, washing machines, beds, bicycles, fridges and freezers.

2025/2026

Customers: 1,222 Items Collected: 4,952

	Broxborne	Dacorum	East Herts	Hertsmere	North Herts	Three Rivers	Watford	Wel&Hat	Stevenage
1-3 Items	£55	£57	£61.20	£50	£60.88	£64.00	£57.00	£52.00	£51

What we are Doing



Fly-Tipping Task Force



Fly-Tipping Action Plan



Training



The SoSafe Partnership Board will have oversight and provide challenge & support to ensure that objectives are being delivered

Immediate Tasks



Review Environmental Crime Enforcement Policy



Map reporting and resourcing across the Council



Comms Plan to encourage reporting and engage with community, particularly in hot spot areas

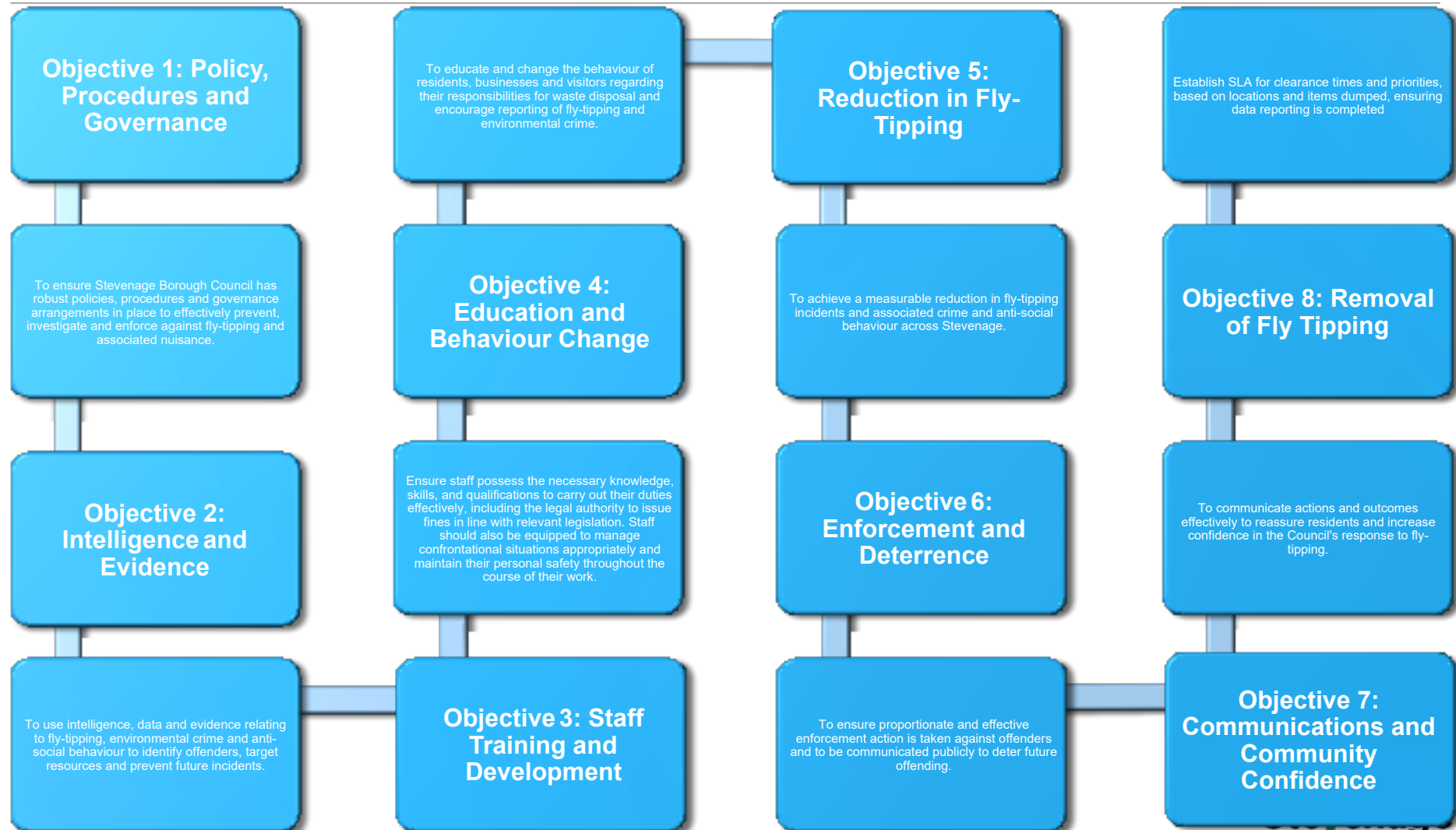


Create dashboard of data



Review CCTV across estates and target hotspots to gain intel for successful enforcement and prevention

Action Plan Priorities



Summary & Next Steps

- Continue delivering the Fly-Tipping Action Plan.
- Strengthen partnership working and intelligence.
- Increase visible enforcement and public confidence.
- Monitor performance through data and hotspot analysis.
- Report progress back to Members.