



LOCAL AUTHORITY CRACKS DOWN ON FLY-TIPPING.

<p>WHAT HAPPENED?</p>	<p>District Councils in South Oxfordshire have installed CCTV to catch fly-tippers in action, leading to 27 prosecutions and £25,000-worth of fines over the past financial year (2015).</p>
<p>OUTCOME</p>	<p>The number of fly-tip cases reported to district councils in the Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire in the last three years is down 20 per cent and 26 per cent respectively.</p>
<p>CONTEXT</p>	<p>In 2014/15, the estimated cost of clearance of fly-tipping to local authorities in England was £50 million and the cost of fly-tipping on private land was between £50 - £150 million.</p> <p>Fly-tipping is a criminal offence. At a Magistrates Court you can be fined up to £50,000 and / or 6 months in prison per offence. At Crown Court fines can be unlimited with the maximum imprisonment term rising to 5 years.</p>
<p>WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE DIFFERENTLY?</p>	<p>Fly-tipping refers to dumping waste illegally instead of using an authorised method such as relying on kerbside collection or using an authorised rubbish dump. Fly-tipping is illegal, and anti-social and can harm the environment.</p> <p>When you employ someone to take your waste away you still have a responsibility to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the waste is managed correctly and legally throughout its complete journey to disposal or recovery.</p> <p>You can do this by checking that the person who takes the waste is authorised to do so, and carrying out more detailed checks if you suspect the waste is not being handled in line with the duty of care. For example you could request evidence that your waste has arrived at the intended destination and the waste has been accurately described.</p> <p>It is also advisable to obtain a receipt with the full details of the person taking the waste, along with the registration number of the vehicle used to transport the waste.</p>