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Department: **Environmental Health**  
Title: **Dog fouling and COVID-19**  
Description: **Dog fouling reports and dog waste bins.**

**Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)**

Could you please supply me with the following information:

1. The cost of dog fouling in your area of responsibility.
2. The number of callouts from the public and other bodies to have dog faeces removed from streets and other public areas i.e. through "Fix my Street" and other platforms you may use.
3. The cost to the Council for dog fouling over a 3 year period from 2017 to present.
4. The number of bins you have in our area of responsibility for dog waste.
5. Disposal costs per year for dog waste.
- 6 The number of collections on a monthly basis over the course of 12 months preferably from 2018-2019 due to the COVID 19 lockdown.
7. The costs to the Council for providing dog waste services.
8. Are you currently working on any innovative solutions to treat dog waste in your areas?
9. The cost to procure bins for dog waste in your area
10. The number of man hours taken to clean up dog waste fouling over 12 months
11. How many fines have been issued to dog owners for fouling in your area?
12. Is there a budget for dog fouling waste cleanup? if so, how much of the public budget is allocated to it?

**Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)**

1. This cost is not held.
2. Approximately 54 reports were received in the last 12 month period.
3. This cost is not held.
4. Twenty seven dog waste bins are emptied by Hertsmere Borough Council. We do not keep a record of the number of dog waste bins in parks / open spaces.
5. This cost is not held.
6. This is not recorded.
7. This charge is not held.
8. No.
9. The purchase prices for bins is considered commercially sensitive.
10. The number of man hours used on this issue are not recorded
11. Zero.
12. No separate budget is allocated for this.