

## Performance Indicator Definition

<b>Reference</b>	M2.1.2		
<b>Title</b>	Reported litter incidents in the District		
<b>Collection Interval</b>	Quarterly	<b>Data Source</b>	
		<b>Indicator source</b>	Corporate Plan 2018-2023
<b>Definition</b>	<p><b>Rationale:</b> this indicator measures a reduction of number of reported litter incidents by the public. The Council's new Corporate Plan 2018-2023 includes an objective to keep the district clean and green. Working with the public the council is looking to ensure the district is safe and welcoming and that our environment is protected by reducing level of litter incidents. This indicator also indicates the public perception and a level of concern in relation to cleanliness of the district.</p> <p><b>Definition:</b></p> <p><u>Litter</u> – there is no statutory definition of litter. The Environmental Protection Act 1990 (s.87) states that litter is 'anything that is dropped, thrown, left or deposited that causes defacement, in a public place'. This accords with the popular interpretation that 'litter is waste in the wrong place'. However, local authority cleansing officers and their contractors have developed a common understanding of the term and the definition used for NI 195 (and for the LEQSE) was based on this industry norm. Litter includes mainly synthetic materials, often associated with smoking, eating and drinking, that are improperly discarded and left by members of the public; or are spilt during waste management operations. For the purpose of this indicator it will include public contact on leafs, litter bins, and detruis on both public highway and other council areas. It will not include dead animals, day emergencies (i.e RTA's) fly tipping, dog bins or mud on roads from developments etc.</p> <p><u>Contact method</u> – the public may report litter by post, mail, phone or in person.</p> <p><u>Notes</u> – There will be seasonal changes due to longer daylight hours, warmer weather, autumn leafs , anti social behaviour and litter bins being filled up with household or trade waste. Annual performance is judged on the average of all four quarters performances.</p>		

<b>Formula</b>	$X - Y = Z$ $(Z/X) \times 100$ Where: X = number of litter incidents reported in the previous year Y = number of litter incidents reported in the current year Z = decrease		
<b>Good performance</b>	Low	<b>Return Format</b>	Percentage
<b>Cumulative</b>	Yes	<b>Decimal Places</b>	Two
<b>Worked example</b>	Where: Number of litter incidents reported in the previous year = 220 Number of litter incidents reported in the current year = 205 $220 - 205 = 15$ % decrease of number of litter incidents reported = $\frac{15}{220} \times 100 = 6.82\%$		