

Report of the West Area Co-ordinator to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on 18 January 2022

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Subject:

STREET CLEANSING SERVICE IN THE BRADFORD WEST AREA

Summary statement:

This report provides an update on the Street Cleansing Service in the Bradford West Constituency area and shows trends of the numbers of fly tipping and cleansing cases reported to the Council.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

No specific equality and diversity issues. Decisions will need to be made in line with Equal Rights legislation. This will require Area Committees to assess the potential equality impact of any decisions they make.

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Corporate Environment and Waste
Management

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the current situation with Street Cleansing within Bradford West Constituency.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Presently the Area has 7 ward based clean teams that work in individual work. After cleaning the Area's Gateway routes, each clean team will move on to one of the weekly routes that ensure each street within the ward will be attended to once a week.
- 2.3 With prescriptive working, there is greater transparency around what is expected of staff and this increased understanding by staff and Managers and has the following advantages:
- A prescribed day of working allows programmed days of action for residents to move cars to allow more effective litter clearance, mechanical sweeping and gully cleaning
 - More effective mechanism to performance manage teams in terms of all work undertaken
 - More efficient use of resources targeting areas of need, eliminating down time in terms of reacting to complaints travelling from one end of a ward to another
 - It also gives the public a clear understanding as to how often and when their area or street would be cleaned.
- 2.4 Cleansing staff continue to support days of action, sometimes by working alongside local residents but mostly by removing the waste collected by residents.
- 2.5 The vital role provided by local residents and businesses in helping to remove waste and litter continues in the Bradford West Area. Whilst some litter picks are organised and undertaken on an adhoc basis, other groups regularly litter pick their neighbourhoods. Cleansing staff collect the bags of litter and large items.
- 2.6 The operational element of the Task Force has been receiving referrals from area teams to tackle longstanding environmental problems affecting neighbourhoods such as overgrown vegetation, weeds, detritus, fly tipping and litter.

The funding has allowed the service to undertake a wide range of work on 500 referrals to date across the 5 constituencies. The works have included supporting existing service provision but has also allowed for attention to detail work to be carried out that has not been possible within existing Street Cleansing and Parks Teams. This has provided an opportunity to reclaim unused green spaces such as snickets and footpaths and has allowed work on neglected areas such as Council land, particularly around Council buildings.

Works have been completed across all Wards within Bradford West. Some examples of these works are detailed below:

Clayton & Fairweather Green

The taskforce was asked to support some major works on Oaks Lane where the site had been fly tipped and was in poor condition.

This was a big job to all the team a full 2 days of man power to complete. With approximately 14 tons of fly tipping removed including 9 fridges 4 sofas and about 12 mattresses.

In addition to the removal of all the waste the site was tidied up and litter picked which transformed the area.

The public can now walk from one end of the foot path all the way to Thornton Road with great feedback and positive response from residents received into the area office.

Manningham

A referral was received from an assistant ward officer to request support on Hanover Square. The area had a number of ongoing issues with prostitution, anti-social behaviour and fly tipping. The ETF supported the efforts of the area team to not only clear all the waste, weed, litter pick and generally tidy up but also to work with any willing residents in the area.

The results following the work undertaken made a tremendous difference to the area and significantly improved the ambiance of the area. Many thanks were received from officers on the support that this had given to improve the previously run down and tired location.

Thornton & Allerton

The grounds of the derelict library at Allerton were given some much needed attention.

Dense vegetation had reclaimed parts of the grounds and litter had been deposited. Fly tipped items were also uncovered and removed as part of the clean-up operation. The team spent the day clearing litter and cutting back overgrown vegetation.

Other parts of the ward such as Eskdale Rise, Denby Lane, Wanstead Crescent to Saffron Drive were also undertaken. The team cleared litter as well as cut back significant amounts of dense vegetation obstructing public walkways.

The overall improvement in the area was clear for all to see.

Toller

August 2022 was a particularly busy month in Bradford West for the Taskforce. This has been largely thanks to the information and referrals received.

The team were deployed to clear vegetation from the snicket that links Shaftsbury Avenue to Malvern Road. The team cleared litter as well as cut back dense vegetation obstructing the public walkway.

Ward Officers in Toller are looking to continue monitoring over the coming months. Our aim is to continue to enhance the local environment for residents and businesses alike.

Heaton

A referral that was received to attend and resolve an issue on Sowden Road. The referral outlined the need to remove tyres, burned furniture and remove litter from the nearby snicket.

Vegetation obstructing the footpath was cut back and disposed of by the team. Bags and bags of waste were removed and numerous loads of waste taken away from the site.

The taskforce enabled this work to take place as the area is un-adopted highway and not legally responsible by the Council. This work has prevented it being an attraction for other fly tippers and has reduced the risk of health hazards.

City

The ETF completed work along an adopted backstreet between Spring Place and Shearbridge Terrace. The team removed waste that had been fly tipped there, along with cutting back vegetation, weeding, scraping out of debris and litter picking.

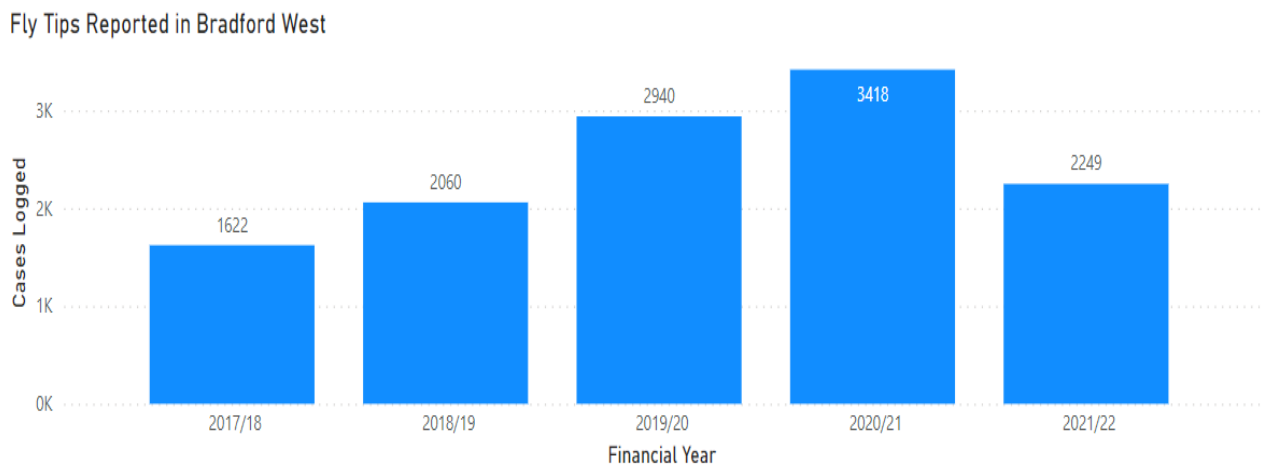
The hard work transformed the area that previously looked tired and uncared for.

The Task Force did some amazing work attracting positive feedback on how this work had really made a difference. Comments from residents was encouraging and demonstrated the difference having a clean and tidy back street can make to local people and their lives.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

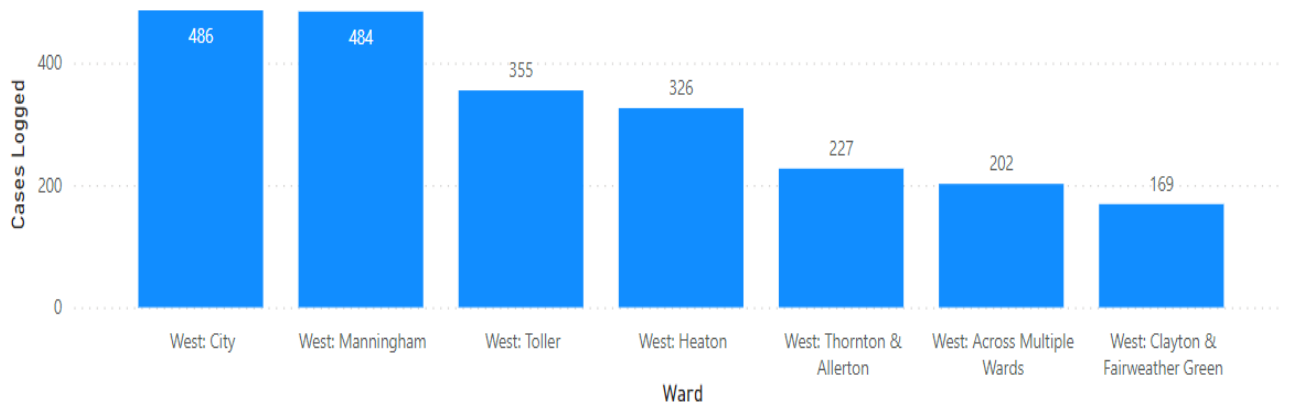
3.1 Service requests

The number of fly tips reported to the Council for Bradford West for each of the last 5 full financial years is displayed below



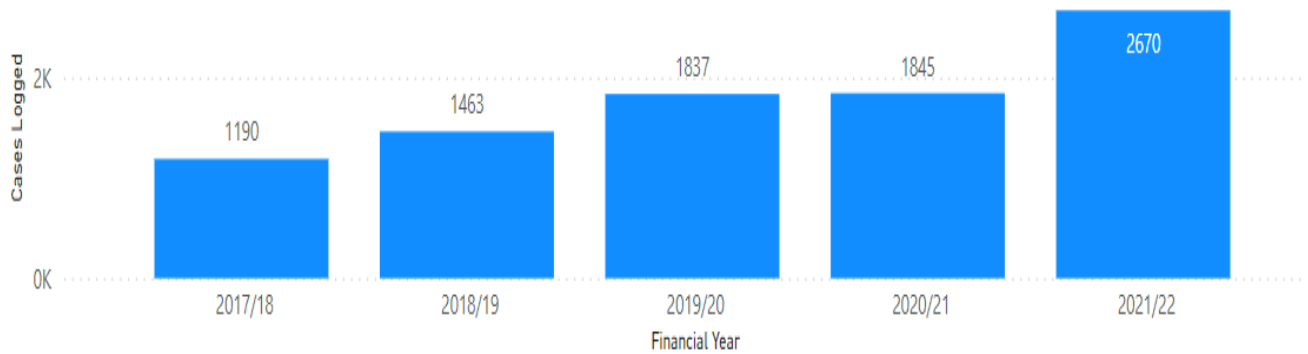
The chart below shows the ward-breakdown for reported fly tips in the 2021/22 financial year:

Fly Tips Reported by Ward



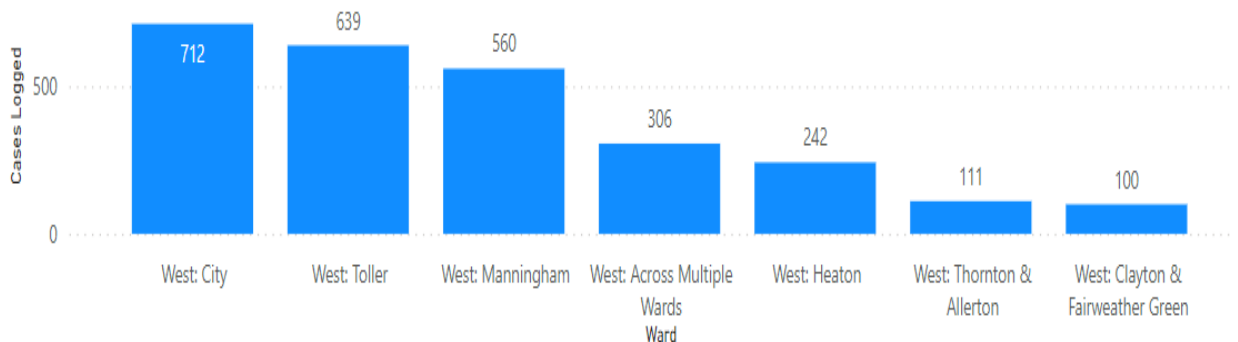
The number of street cleansing requests made to the Council for Bradford West for each of the last 5 full financial years is displayed below:

Street Cleansing Requests by Financial Year



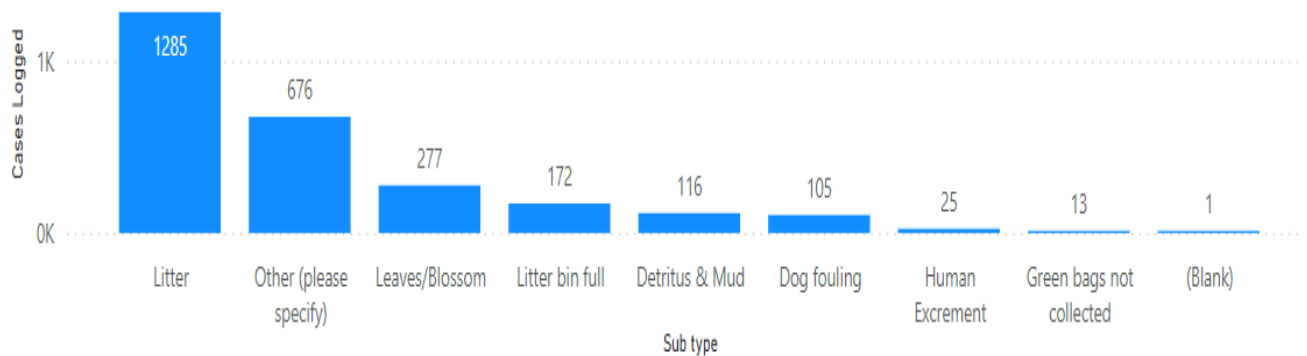
The chart below shows the ward-breakdown for street cleansing requests in the 2021/22 financial year

Street Cleansing Requests by Ward



Street cleansing requests are broken down in to the most common sub-types as displayed below

Street Cleansing Requests by Sub-type



To provide some perspective on the annual totals by ward, the number of reports made for Street Cleansing and Fly Tipping per week by ward is shown in the table below.

Public reports per week per Ward			
Ward	Street Cleansing Requests	Fly Tips Reported	Total
Across Ward Boundaries	6	4	10
City	14	9	23
Toller	12	7	19
Manningham	11	9	20
Heaton	5	6	11
Thornton & Allerton	2	4	7
Clayton & Fairweather Green	2	3	5

See Appendix 1 for a more detailed ward-breakdown of all the data contained in the previous charts.

3.3 Resources

Bradford MDC operate a devolved street cleansing service, and resources are distributed across the five Areas based on a combination of road length, historical experience and littering levels. The table below shows how many clean-team hours are spent per week per kilometre of adopted highway by Area.

Area	Hours	Kms	Hrs p/linear km p/week
West	867.5	305.5	2.8
East	833.5	341.5	2.4
South	752.5	348.7	2.2
Shipley	631.5	413.5	1.5
Keighley	711.0	483.5	1.5

Each Area then decides how best to allocate its available resources across its 6 constituent wards. The table below shows how many clean-team hours are spent per week per kilometre of adopted highway by ward.

Ward	Population	Adopted Meters	Staff hrs p/wk	Hrs p/linear km
City	25,951*	50,320**	264**	5.2
Manningham	20,304	43,024	197.5	4.6
Toller	20,343	42,789	197.5	4.6
Heaton	18,544	46,001	90	2.0
Clayton & Fairweather / Thornton & Allerton	35,689	123,403	118.5	1.0

* Population is for whole ward including city centre area as cannot be separated

** Meters and staff hours excludes city centre area

3.4 Combatting Fly Tipping

Fly Tipping is an important ongoing issue being addressed by DEFRA, House of Commons Committees, Local Authorities, trade-groups and relevant charities and NGO's.

The council is a participating member of APSE and Keep Britain Tidy as well as other benchmarking groups where local authorities can share best practise and discuss potential solutions. Where ideas or techniques are discovered we endeavour to trial or adopt them within the district with the aim of finding any practical solutions to reducing the level of fly tipping.

Each year in late November / early December, DEFRA publish an annual report and data for the entire country which allows some understanding of where Bradford as a district sit in relation to all other local authorities. This report is important as with issues such as fly tipping where there is no clear solution, the perspective gained from shared data allows the council to identify any authorities that have similar levels of deprivation that have shown improvement in their levels of fly tipping and offer potential successful insights in the fight against the problem.

A combined report by Street Cleansing and Environmental Enforcement is taken to a Scrutiny Committee each year to keep the Council up to date on the problem of fly tipping and how the Council attempts to address it.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 Resources are allocated to an Area from base budget.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

5.1 None specific.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

6.1 None

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

7.1.1 Local teams have the potential to create more sustainable solutions to local issues.

7.2 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

7.2.1 No specific issues

7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

7.3.1 No specific issues

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

7.4.1 There are no Human Rights Act implications arising from this report.

7.5 TRADE UNION

7.5.1 Trade unions are regularly consulted at levels 1, 2 and 3 with regards to Street Cleansing operations and staffing issues.

7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS

7.6.1 The information in this report is relevant to all Wards in Bradford West Constituency.

7.7 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

7.7.1 None

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

7.8.1 None specific

7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

7.9.1 None

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1 There are no not for publication documents.

9. OPTIONS

9.1 None

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the Bradford West Area Committee notes the report.

10.2 That a further report is presented in 12 months

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1 – Bradford West Street Cleansing and Fly Tipping Cases reported to the contact centre.

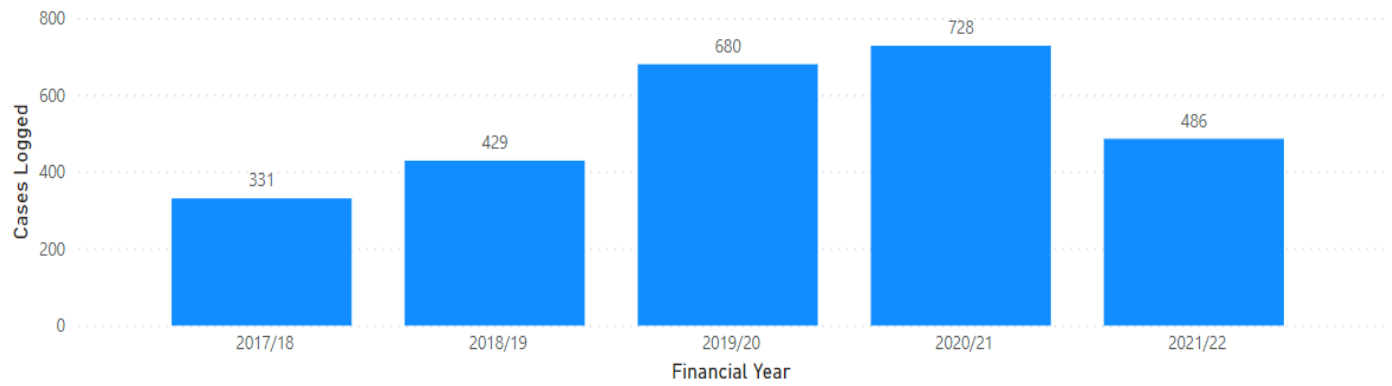
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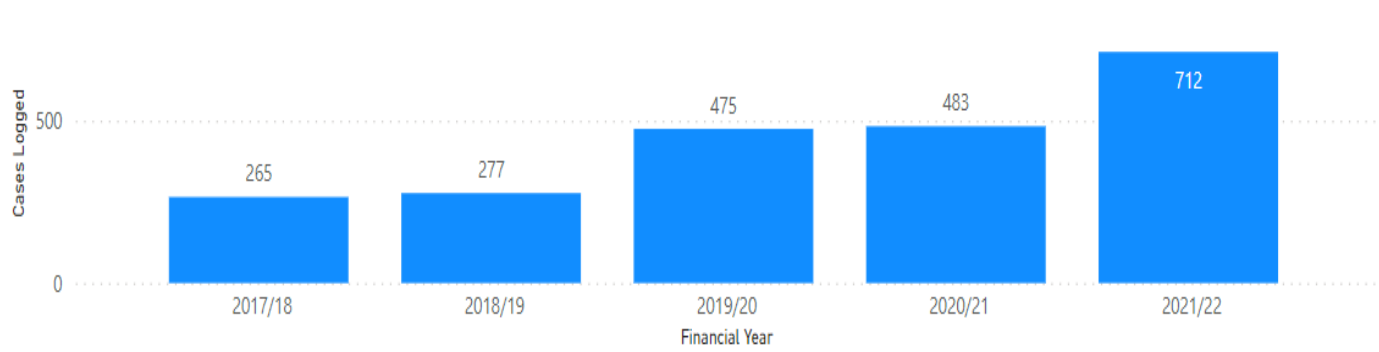
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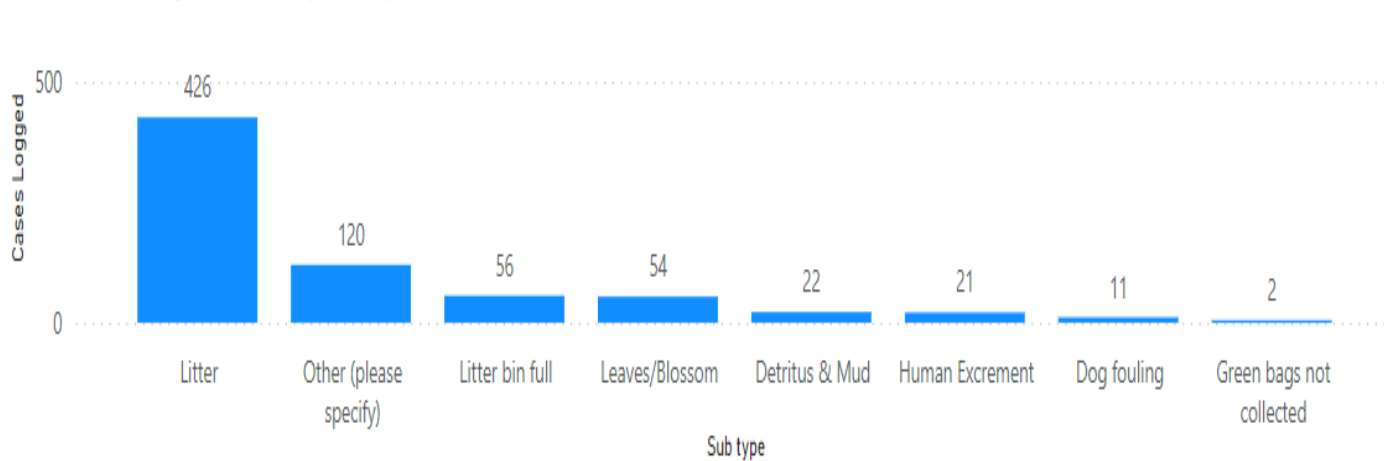
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Street Cleansing Requests in City

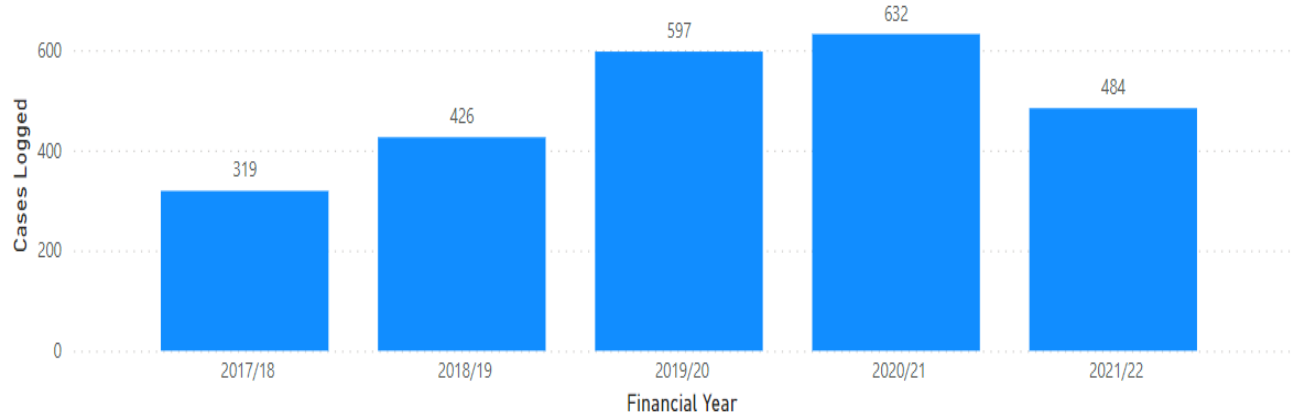


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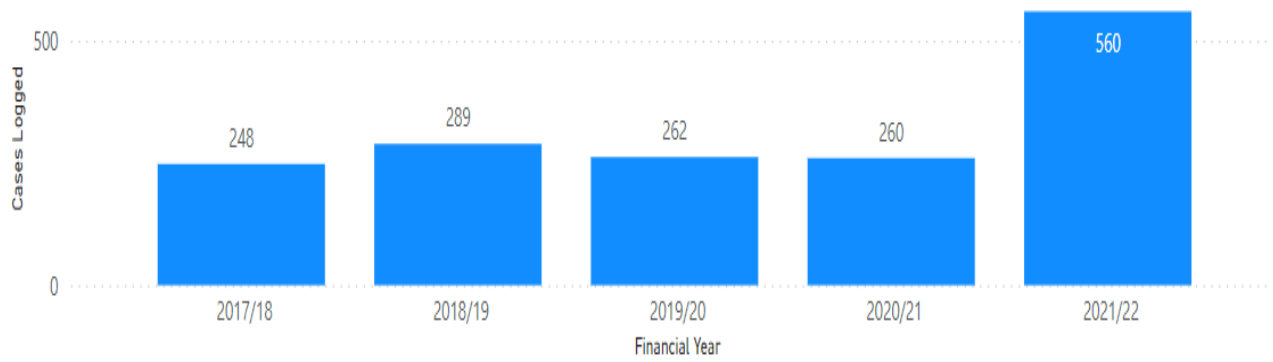


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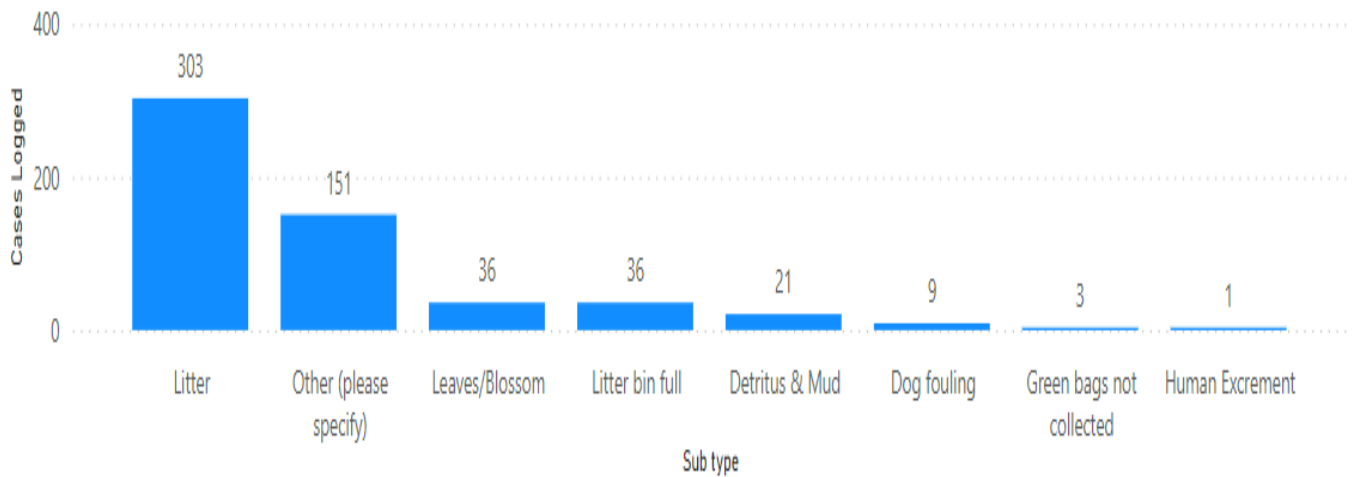
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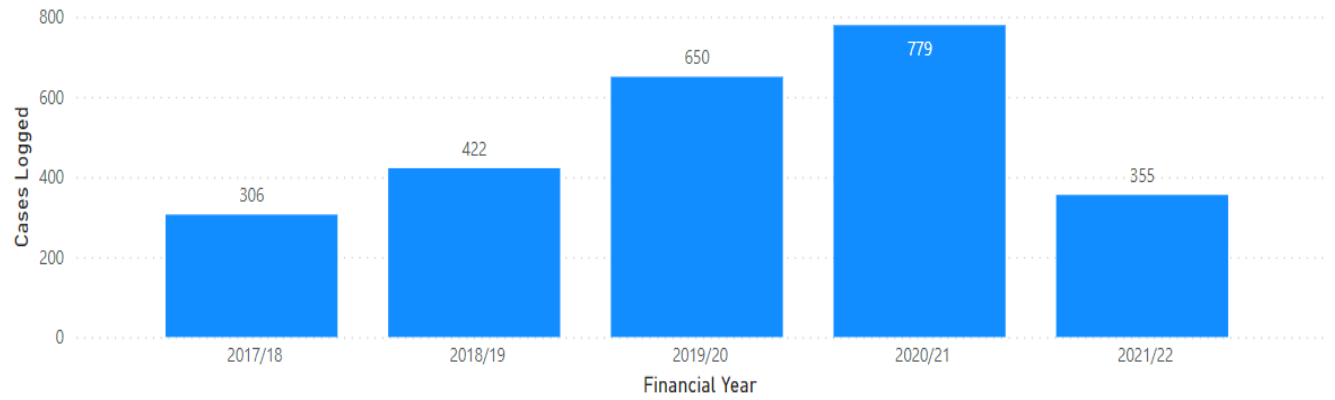


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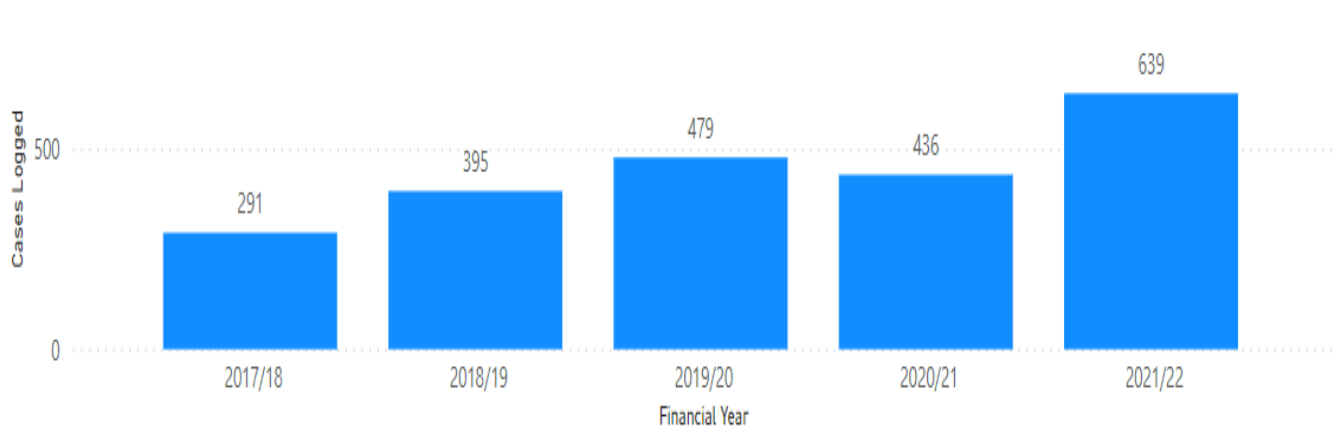


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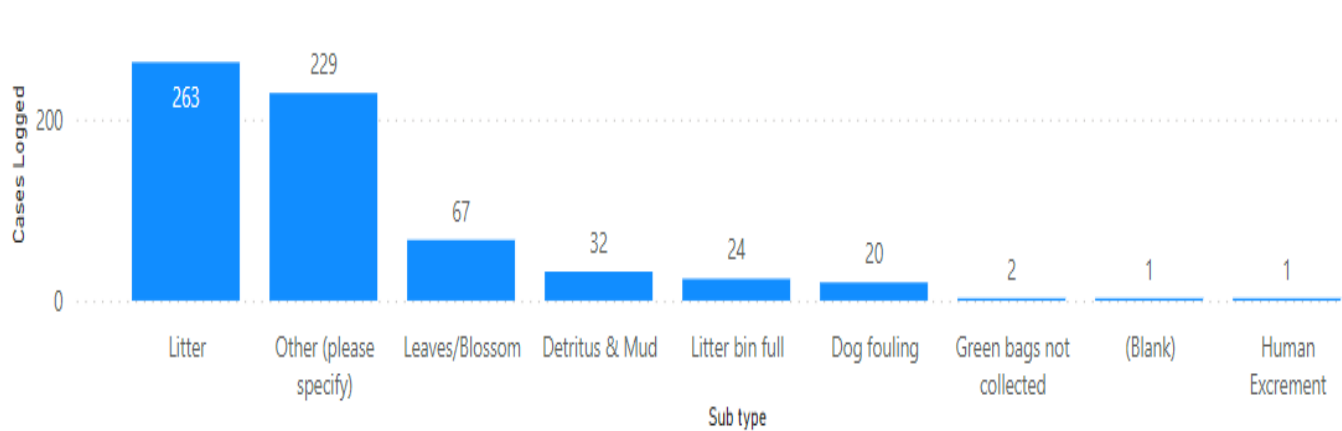
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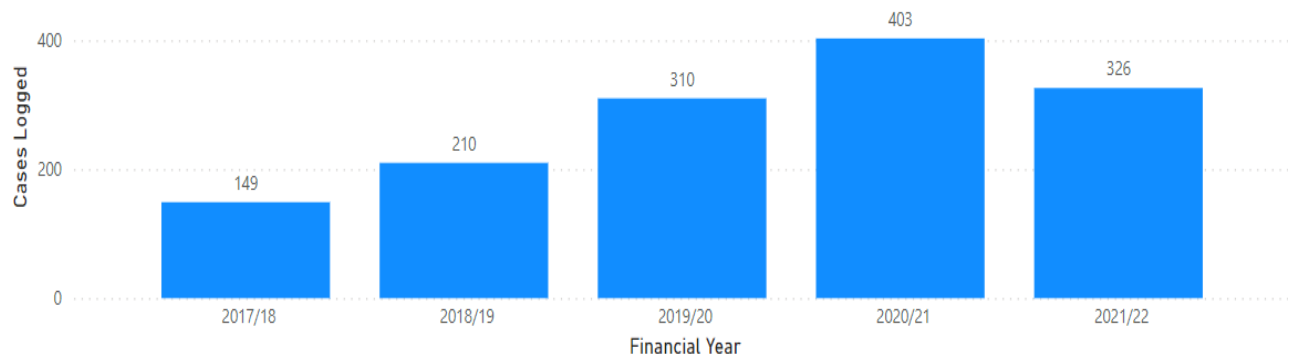


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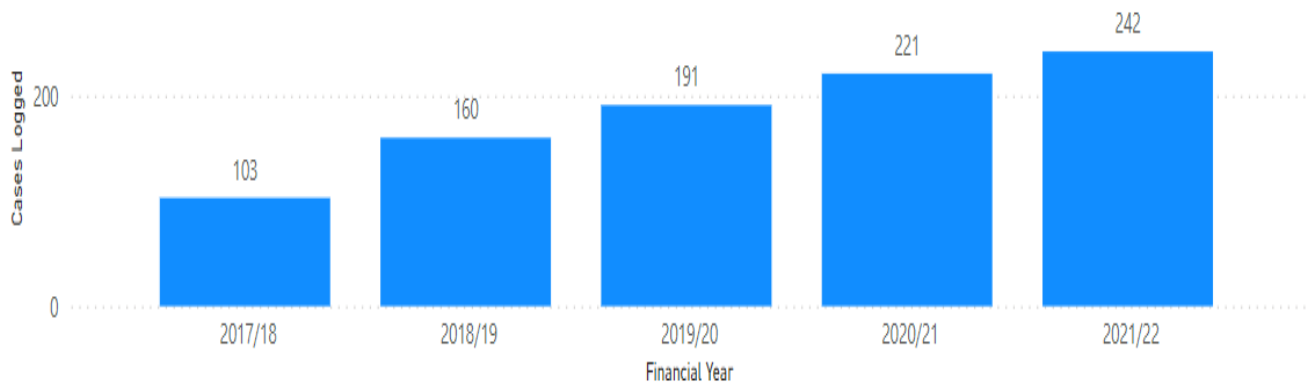


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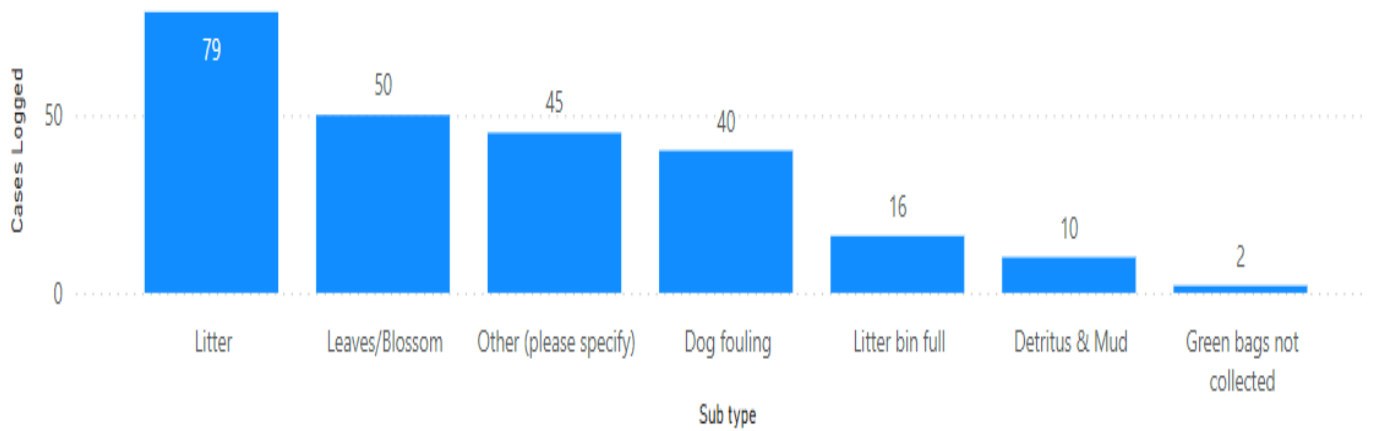
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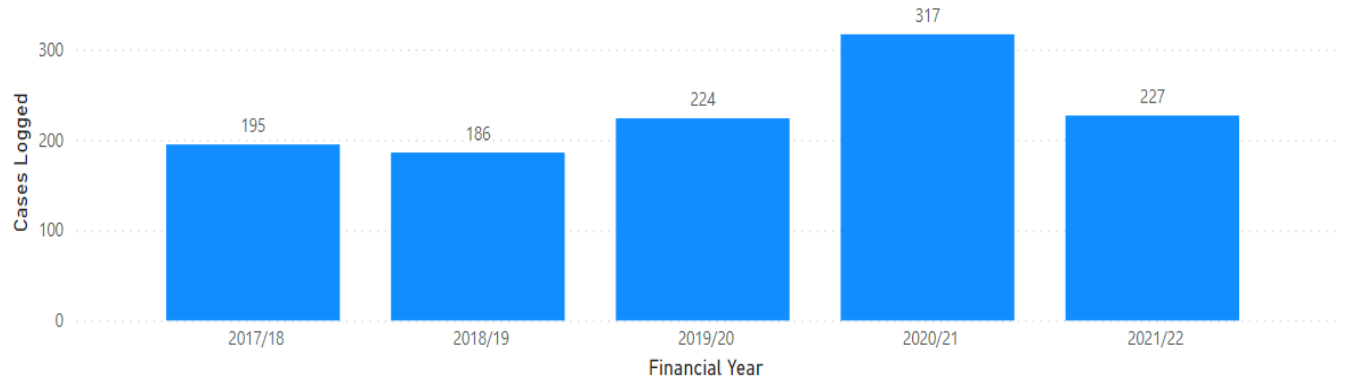


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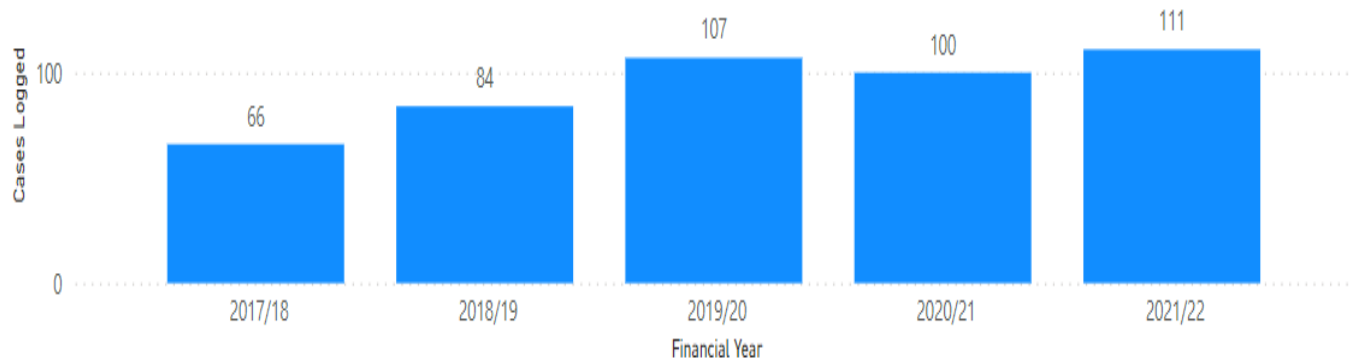


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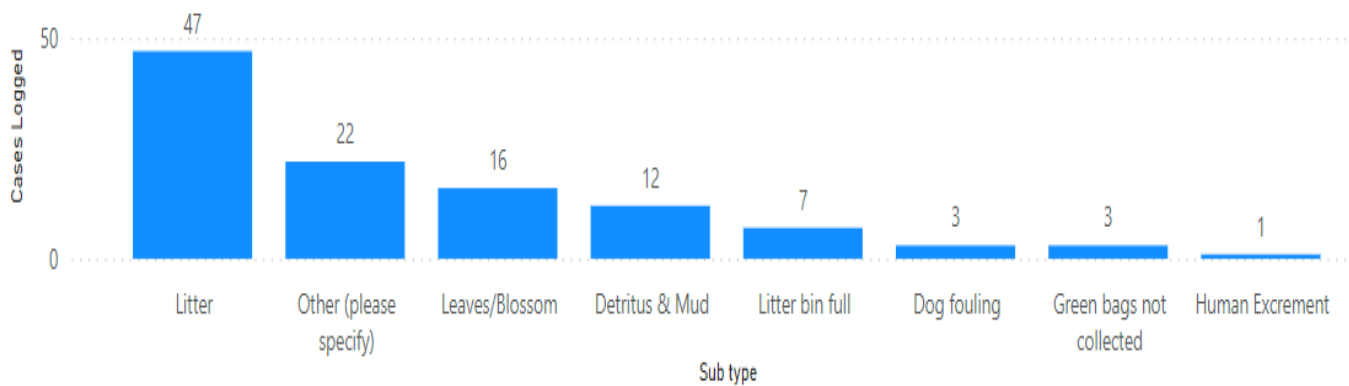
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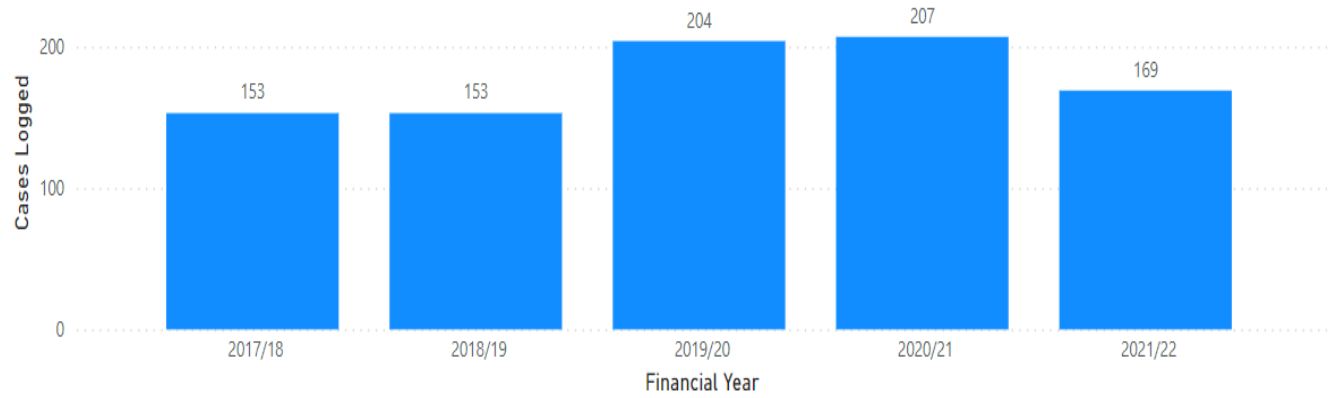


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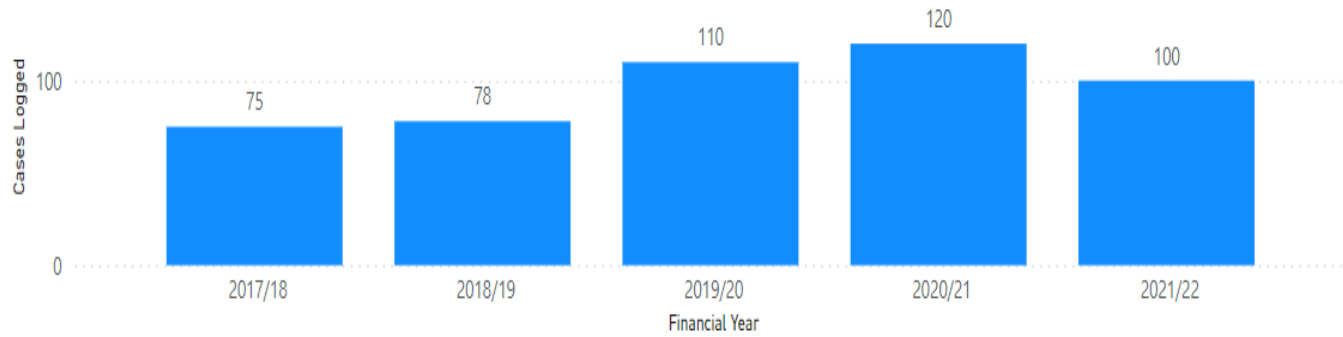


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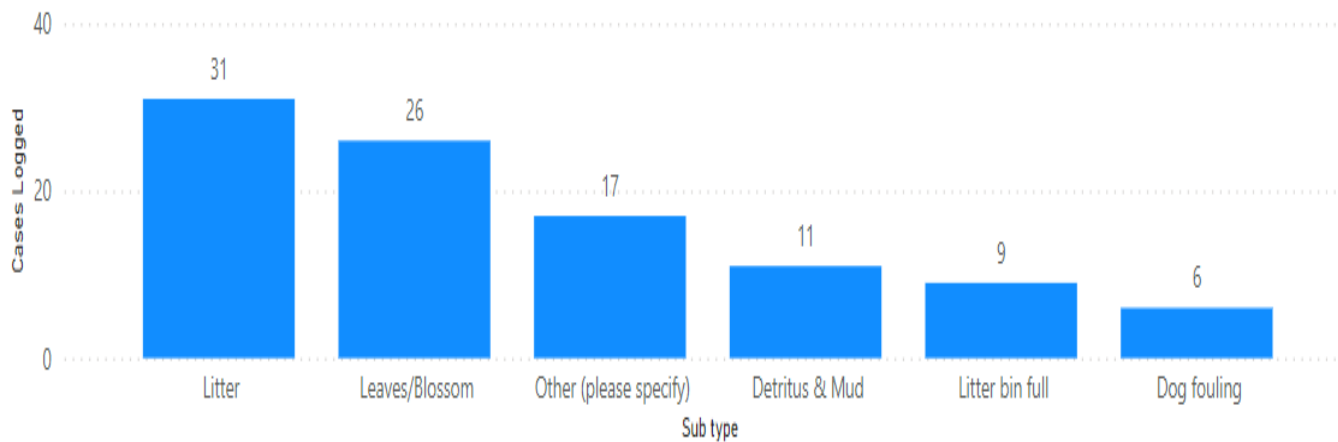
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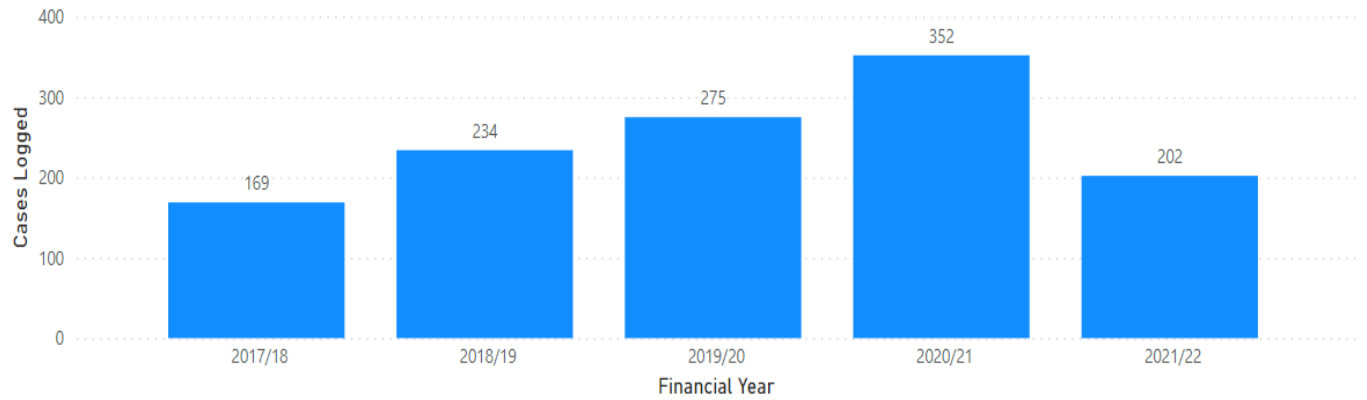


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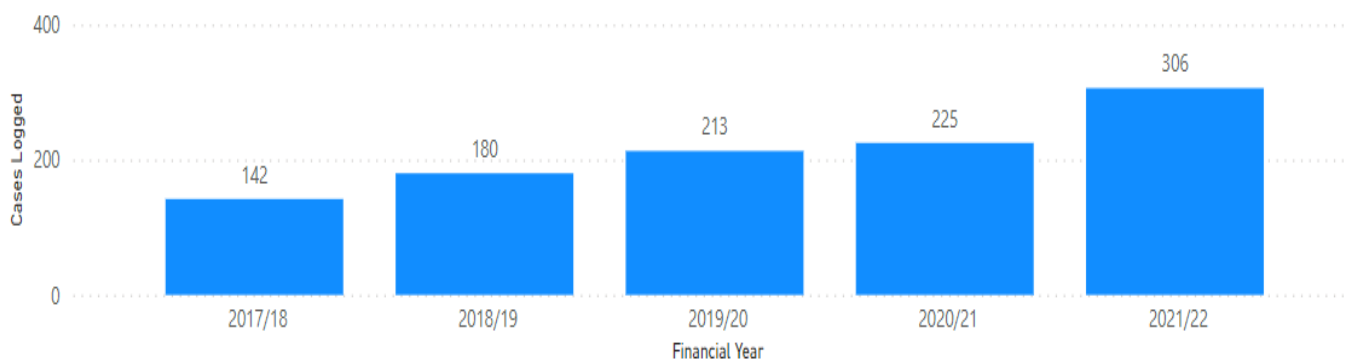


Across Multiple Wards

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