



**Red Snapper**  
Managed Services

# Case Study: Colchester Fly Tipping



## Evidence Review

### Why?

Rise in illegal fly-tipping in the area.



**5 weeks**  
**23 consultancy days**

### How?

Provision of an expert consultant to review and make recommendations.

### Outcome:

Implementation of a new investigative strategy, including PIP2 training for those concerned and reduction in the amount of fly-tipping in the Colchester area.

As with many Local Authorities, Colchester Borough Council (CBC) has an ongoing issue with fly tipping. The illegal dumping of waste across England has increased by nearly 40% in six years, and Colchester in line with other councils, have seen a significant increase.

The associated cost and impact, both upon the environment as well as council resources is huge - in 2017/18 34,000 or 4% of total incidents in England were of 'tipper lorry load' size or larger. For these large fly-tipping incidents alone, the cost of clearance to local authorities in England in 2017/18 was £12.2 million.

Red Snapper Managed Services (RSMS) was approached to support on this issue by CBC by conducting an investigative review of operations.

RSMS sent in a Senior Investigative Consultant, (Barry Wix, a former DI and acting DCI with both Essex Police and the NCA, holding over 32 years' recent policing experience and over 15 years' experience in senior policing roles). As an accredited review and examining officer for Schedule 7 Terrorist examinations, Barry held more than enough experience in expert reviewing to perform the role.

Barry was deployed to look at CBCs processes, procedures and policies surrounding fly-tipping in an attempt to reduce the large numbers of illegal waste dumping that were evidenced in the area. He then completed a comprehensive report on the operations of CBC, giving reports for recommendations to improve effectiveness and efficiencies within the local authority.

The review identified a significant number of areas for improvement, leading to the implementation of a new investigative strategy and a consistent approach to investigation management. This has in turn led to a reduction in the amount of fly-tipping in the area and a reduction in the associated costs.