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End the business 'opt-out'

In its response, Northgate today welcomed the Scottish Executive's consultation on anti-social behaviour and called for a fundamental review of the application of penalty notices to the Scottish legal system.

Speaking today, Dave Meaden, managing director of Northgate public sector, said:

"The Scottish Executive should avoid taking an ad hoc approach to the use of penalty notices. As part of their educational and enforcement toolkit, countries such as Australia and New Zealand have used penalty notices to tackle both the actions of individuals, and also minor corporate offences.

We all of us have a responsibility to respect the rights of others, and the Scottish Executive should take decisive action to end to the business opt-out now."

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