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### **Boost for councils to tackle noise nuisance**

Northgate today welcomed the government's amendment to the Anti-social Behaviour Bill, allowing the receipts from penalty notices issued for noise nuisance to be returned to local authorities.

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

"We are delighted that the government has brought forward this amendment. Penalty notices can be a useful tool to deal with minor offences, and we have believed from the outset that councils should be given the resources necessary to raise the quality of life in their communities."

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#### **Notes to editors**

1. Used appropriately, penalty notices can be an effective way of dealing with high-volume low-level crime and nuisance which would otherwise be processed through the courts or where no action is currently undertaken. They give authorities with limited resources an additional means of dealing efficiently with minor offences. They do not lead to a criminal record.
2. Northgate is a technology company with a difference. It is committed to high quality public services and understands the public sector. That knowledge is core to its business. Its task is to enhance public sector value through intelligent use of people and information technology systems and to share in the economic and social benefits that this brings.
3. Northgate's clear customer focus and collaborative approach has helped it to work with nearly a quarter of local authorities and all police authorities in the country.
4. Northgate assists local authorities and the police to promote community well-being by helping them provide citizens with accessible and responsive one-stop services and enforcement systems. It provides enforcement systems for London's congestion charging scheme and is the country's leading provider of penalty notice systems for the police.