

ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

17TH NOVEMBER, 2017

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND LICENSING SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17

To consider and comment on the following issues:

That the Committee notes the current activities, initiatives and performance levels of the Environmental Health and Licensing Section. The report shows the means by which the Section uses an educative and persuasive role and, where necessary, enforcement in relation to securing the safety to public health within Carmarthenshire.

Reasons:

That Members are kept informed of the work of the service and are enabled to exercise their scrutiny role in relation to performance monitoring.

To be referred to the Executive Board / Council for decision: NO

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holder:

Cllr. P. Hughes (Public Protection Portfolio Holder)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The report provides Members with information on the delivery of the work undertaken by the Environmental Health and Licensing Section during 2016/17. This Service encompasses, for example, food safety, communicable disease, health and safety, pollution (including air, land and noise), nuisances (including noise, odour, smoke etc.), taxi and alcohol/entertainment licensing and dog warden services.

The work is predominantly statutory and is based around protecting public safety and health. There are very little non statutory functions being undertaken. The report highlights, however, that with the increasing demands upon the service and more efficiencies required, the current provision will have to be reviewed with the consideration of ceasing certain services. In addition to its regulatory function and statutory duties, the Section continues to maintain and develop links and initiatives with partners and continue to contribute to the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Carmarthen. The work in the main is also preventative which contributes to the overall requirements of recent Wellbeing and Future Generation Act.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Robin Staines

Head of Housing and Public Protection, Care and Support

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE

LEGAL

There is a duty on local authorities to implement and enforce where necessary a wide range of legislation. Failure to do this could lead to maladministration findings by the Local Government Ombudsman in dealing with service complaints.

RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- (i) Inability to fully investigate complaints, resulting in unabated nuisance and the associated health effects this can cause. This could result in challenges and possible court/legal costs.
- (ii) Inability to carry out programmes inspections/checks which could result in significant public health issues such as food poisoning outbreaks.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Robin Staines

Head of Housing, Public Protection, Care and Support

1. Local Member(s) - N/A
2. Community / Town Council - N/A
3. Relevant Partners - N/A
4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations - N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THERE ARE NONE