

ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

2ND MARCH 2018

UPDATE ON TRADING STANDARDS SERVICES IN WALES

To consider and comment on the following issues:

A presentation by Simon Wilkinson, The Regulatory & Frontline Services Policy Officer, Welsh Local Government Association.

Reasons:

To provide members with an update on the present and future of Trading Standards services.

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

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holders:

- Cllr. Philip Hughes (Public Protection)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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On 21st March, the UK Government published a research report - The Impact of Local Authority Trading Standards in Challenging Times

(Link to the report - https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/420218/bis-15-139-the-impact-of-local-authority-trading-standards-in-challenging-times-r2.pdf)

The research objectives were to:

- examine the benefits and efficiency of trading standards activities
- show how they align with national and local priorities
- show the impact of cuts to funding over recent years

A summary of recommendations in the report were as follows:

1. Painting a clearer picture of the benefits that trading standards work contributes to local and national priorities and its benefits to the public purse.
2. Developing a logic model for trading standards processes.
3. Developing case studies that describe and estimate the benefits of trading standards services.
4. Building an evidence base on the impact of budget cuts to local trading standards services in recent years.
5. Testing the efficiency and effectiveness of trading standards services across England, Scotland and Wales.
6. Identifying any current or future enforcement gaps.

The attached power- point presentation illustrates the developments Trading Standards has made in Wales in response to the recommendations and, more specifically, in Carmarthenshire.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES – PRESENTATION

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: Jonathan Morgan Acting Head of Homes and Safer Communities

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

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Jonathan Morgan Acting Head of Homes and Safer Communities

1. Local Member(s) – N/A
2. Community / Town Councils – 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:

THESE ARE LISTED BELOW.

Title of Document	File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
The Impact of Local Authority Trading Standards in Challenging Times.	https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/420218/bis-15-139-the-impact-of-local-authority-trading-standards-in-challenging-times-r2.pdf