

## **Environmental Health - Update noted.**

7 With reference to the minutes of 6th February 2018 (Print 5, page 504) instructing the Acting Executive Director of Land and Environmental Services to provide an update outlining plans for the provision of additional resources within Environmental Health in order to address the current enforcement and staffing issues, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and Sustainability regarding the provision of additional resources, advising

- (1) that there were approximately 10,000 business premises in the city, which were regulated by Environmental Health, and the Council had a statutory obligation to conduct inspections or interventions in these premises in accordance with Codes of Practice and a resource shortfall had resulted in a failure to meet some of the targets set by the respective Codes;
- (2) of the recruitment, process changes, mobile working methodologies, professional training and, in the longer term, a regulatory apprenticeship programme that would enable the service to achieve performance levels much closer to those delivered before previous workforce reductions; and
- (3) that key priorities would continue to be monitored frequently and necessary changes made in service delivery in order to achieve relevant targets over the coming 3-year period.