

## Item 5

6th February 2018



**Glasgow City Council**

**Environment, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction City Policy Committee**

**Report by Acting Executive Director of Land & Environmental Services**

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### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT 2017-2018

#### **Purpose of Report:**

To advise committee of the functions and services delivered by Environmental Health and to advise on future challenges.

#### **Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the committee considers and notes the contents of the Environmental Health Annual Report 2017-2018.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes  No ✓

consulted: Yes  No ✓

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 Environmental Health encompasses aspects of the natural and built environment which affect human health. The public responsibility for much of the Environmental Health function in the UK rests with local authorities, and this function currently sits within Land and Environmental Services.
- 1.2 Environmental Health covers a wide range of subjects – with an overarching duty to protect the public health, safety and wellbeing of citizens and visitors to the City.

## **2. Environmental Health Functions**

- 2.1 Current core functions within Environmental Health include the following:

- Public Health – General Nuisance Enforcement
- Food Hygiene and Standards Law Enforcement
- Occupational Health and Safety Enforcement
- Licensing Standards
- Contaminated Land
- Planning Consultation
- Noise Investigation and Enforcement
- Commercial Waste Enforcement
- Infectious Disease Outbreak Investigation
- Vehicle Emission Testing
- Civic Government Licensing and Events Consultation
- Liquor Licensing Standards
- Diet and Nutrition
- Smokefree Legislation Enforcement
- Pest Control

## **3. Purpose of the Report**

- 3.1 The Environmental Health Annual Report 2017-2018 is designed to inform Committee of the work undertaken by the function within LES. It aims to update elected members of current issues and on key operational and strategic matters. The full Environmental Health Report 2017-2018 is attached at Appendix 1.

## **4. Context**

- 4.1 Certain functions are subject to overview and/or audit by external agencies, including food hygiene and standards (Food Standards Scotland), health and safety (Health and Safety Executive) and commercial waste enforcement (Scottish Environmental Protection Agency).

- 4.2 While enforcement of legislation is a key role of Environmental Health, it is not considered appropriate to view enforcement actions in the context of performance measurement. The service of formal notices (including fixed penalty notices) is, in many instances, considered to be a last resort, where an informal approach is thought to be likely to be ineffective or where previous informal measures have failed to achieve their intended aims.
- 4.3 The Elected Members Handbook on Environmental Health can be accessed at <http://connect.glasgow.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=38168&p=0>

## 5. Policy and Resource Implications

### Resource Implications:

- Financial:* There are no new financial implications arising from this report.
- Legal:* The Environmental Health function is largely delivered under key statutes including:
- Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974;
  - Food Safety Act 1990;
  - Environmental Protection Act 1990;
  - Public Health (Scotland) Act 2008;
  - Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982; and
  - Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.
- Personnel:* There are no direct personnel issues arising from this report.
- Procurement:* There are no relevant procurement issues arising from this report.

**Council Strategic Plan:** A Thriving Economy  
A Vibrant City  
A Healthier City  
A Sustainable and Low Carbon City  
A Well-Governed City that Listens and Responds

### Equality Impacts:

*Does the proposal support the Council's* Yes

*Equality  
Outcomes  
2017-22*

*What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?* No significant impact  
Equalities Screening conducted – see link below  
<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=40247&p=0>  
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**Sustainability  
Impacts:**

*Environmental* : The work of the Council's Environmental Health service is closely linked to the state of the environment and seeks to protect and enhance the environment in numerous ways.

*Social:* Environmental Health provides a direct service to the citizens of Glasgow and reacts in order to assist on a city-wide, community and individual basis.

*Economic:* Environmental Health provides an expert and intensive service to significant numbers of Glasgow businesses whether permanent or event-related.

**6. Recommendations**

- 6.1 It is recommended that the committee considers and notes the contents of the Environmental Health Annual Report 2017-2018.