

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING: 16 MARCH 2021

TITLE OF REPORT: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & LICENSING ENFORCEMENT PLAN

Report of: Head of Place

Cabinet member: Councillor Sara Kinnell, Regulatory

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 For Members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to consider and review the draft Environmental Health & Licensing Enforcement Plan.

2 OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To endorse the draft Environmental Health & Licensing Enforcement Plan for adoption by Cabinet, with any recommendation that Committee consider appropriate.

3 DETAILS

- 3.1 The existing Regulatory Enforcement Plan was adopted in 2014. In line with good practice, it should be reviewed and updated with changes in legislation and guidance.
- 3.2 The Council is required by the Regulator's Code to publish its enforcement policy explaining how it responds to regulatory breaches. It is recognised as an important document in meeting the Council's responsibility as set out in Section 21 of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006.
- 3.3 The policy provides guidance to Officers, Councillors, businesses and members of the public. It sets out the principles and the standards the service will work to and the range of choices that are available to achieve compliance with legislation enforced by the Council's Environmental Health & Licensing teams. It outlines enforcement objectives; methods for achieving compliance; and the criteria considered when deciding the most appropriate response to a breach of legislation.
- 3.4 Following consideration of the draft Environmental Health & Licensing Enforcement Plan by Overview & Scrutiny Committee, the Plan will be considered by Licensing Committee and then Cabinet.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct financial impacts associated with this report.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Draft Environmental Health & Licensing Enforcement Plan -
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