

21st June 2016

Policy, Finance and Resources Committee

Environmental Health Enforcement Policy

Report of: *Mark Stanbury, Environmental Health Manager*

Wards Affected: *All*

This report is: *Public*

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Brentwood Borough Council must provide an Enforcement Policy for approval by Members with respect to its statutory obligations to enforce all relevant provisions of Environmental Health legislation and in a manner which is in-line with 'better regulation'. This policy explains how the service carries out its functions in a manner which is transparent and provides proper regard to the sensitivities of business and the local economy.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Environmental Health Enforcement Policy (Appendix A) be approved by Members.**

3. Introduction and Background

- 3.1 This Policy covers the work of Environmental Health Services. It is a new document covering the delivery of enforcement and making reference to the Better Regulation Delivery Office – Regulators Code 2014. It sets out the principles applied to encourage smarter, risk-based enforcement. The Council is committed to ensuring that its officers act in accordance with this policy. It is not in itself a statement of law and does not affect the discretion of the Council to take legal proceedings where this is considered to be in the public interest.

4. Issue, Options and Analysis of Options

- 4.1 Member approval is sought as this policy can impact significantly upon businesses. There are no other options available as an alternative to such a policy.

5. Reasons for Recommendation

- 5.1 Members are required to approve this Policy as it directly affects the welfare of businesses, the public and visitors to the Borough.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 No consultation is required in advance of submission of this Policy to Committee.

7. References to Vision for Brentwood 2016-2019

- 7.1 With regard to the priority; 'Community and Health' this Policy supports businesses by safe-guarding public safety through risk-based regulation as applied in accordance with the 'Regulators Code produced under the Governments' Better Regulation Agenda'.
- 7.2 With regard to the priority; 'Economic Development' this Policy supports economic growth through improvements directly in Brentwood's businesses.

8. Implications

Legal Implications

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- 8.1 The Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer has been consulted and is in agreement with the legal information provided in these reports.

Financial Implications

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- 8.2 The Finance Director and Section 151 Officer has been consulted and states that there no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Other Implications (*where significant*) – i.e. Health and Safety, Asset Management, Equality and Diversity, Risk Management, Section 17 – Crime & Disorder, Sustainability, ICT.

- 8.3 There are no corporate health and safety or asset management implications. There are no equality/diversity or risk management implications.

9. Background Papers (include their location and identify whether any are exempt or protected by copyright)

9.1 None

10. Appendices to this report

Appendix A – Environment Health Enforcement Policy

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