

FOR: REGULATORY AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – REPORT OF KEY ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES FOR 2012/13

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To report on the Key Service Activities and Outcomes for Environmental Health Service functions for the financial year 2012/13.

2. Summary of background and issues for consideration

- 2.1 The role of the Council's Environmental Health Service is to control the many factors in the environment which can affect public safety and health, within the realms of the Council's statutory obligations.
- 2.2 This is mainly achieved by enforcing environmental health legislation, empowered to the District Council by central government, and by reporting the results of that activity to Council for information or decision as appropriate.
- 2.3 The Environmental Health Service also has an increasing role to fulfil in the field of health promotion and provision of advice to businesses and the general public, and in working partnership with other agencies to promote health and wellbeing generally.
- 2.4 A summary of our main statutory functions is detailed below:

Function	Purpose
Licensing and Business	with partners to achieve a safe night time economy with a culture of responsible drinking and low levels of disturbance, anti-social behaviour and crime through education and using our enforcement powers under the Licensing and Gambling Acts . We also licence:- Taxi's; Animal premises for Boarding and Breeding; Zoo's; Pet Shops; Sex Shops; Street Traders and for other types of premises that provide Skin Treatments and using powers contained within the relevant legislation .
Food Safety	ensuring clean and safe food establishments (such as pubs, bars and restaurants; food manufacturers); that complaints are investigated; and businesses supported

	who request our help using our powers under the Food Safety Act.
Health and Safety	improving health and safety in the workplace through education, accident and complaint investigation and where necessary inspection (Health and Safety at Work Act)
Housing	Carrying out safety inspections of private sector homes and houses in multiple occupation to ensure they are safe and managed correctly to improve the standards of rented accommodation using powers under the Housing Act.
Air Quality	help improve local air quality through monitoring and control (Environmental Protection Act)
Contaminated land	identifying sites to ensure they are cleared up where possible, allowing them to be sustainably reused (Environmental Protection Act)
Public Health	investigating many types of nuisances e.g. noise, dog, water, air, pest and other public health matters using our powers under the various Public Health Acts
Infectious Disease Control	ensuring control of sporadic cases of food poisoning; investigating complaints of food poisoning; and dealing with complaints and outbreaks of diseases e.g. food poisoning, legionella etc. with partners in Public Health England (Various Public Health Acts)
Enviro-Crime	carrying out enforcement activities to achieve a cleaner and greener environment with high levels of environmental cleanliness and stewardship by reducing enviro-crime such as fly tipping, littering and dog fouling using our powers under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act
Health Services -	leading on the Health scrutiny process for the District Council with partners. in providing easy access to good quality health services for our residents using our powers
Planning -	assisting in the planning for sustainable communities through our input as a statutory consultee into the development of the District which includes minimising the impact of new developments by commenting on planning applications and helping to shape the Local Development Framework using our powers
Business support and the local Economy –	by working with local business to achieve a district where businesses and enterprise can flourish and there is a vibrant local economy. This would include business advice in relation to Food and Health and Safety and support to the Taxi trade by providing a cost effective licensing service.

2.5 Detailed at **Appendix A** are the key Service activities and outcomes for the preceding year.

2.6 These outcomes will be reported on a regular basis as part of the service planning and management process.

3. Recommendation requested

3.1 That the key Environmental Health outcomes are noted.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 None

5. Strategic Plan Implications

- 5.1 The provision of Environmental Health Services contributes to the strategic themes laid out in **A Plan for Lichfield District 2012-2016** under the **themes** of **'supporting local people'** and **'shaping local place and boosting the local economy'**.

Background Documents:

Appendix A – Key Service Activities and Outcomes for Environmental Health Service functions for financial year 2012/13.