

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

STREET SCENE and ENVIRONMENT SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

13 February 2018

Report of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health

Part 1- Public

Matters for Recommendation to Cabinet - Non-Key Decision (Decision may be taken by the Cabinet Member)

1 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ENFORCMENT POLICY

Summary

The Environmental Health Services Enforcement Policy has been reviewed and updated. The Board is invited to recommend its adoption to Cabinet.

1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 The Environmental Health Service carry out a wide range of enforcement and regulatory activities. The use of our enforcement powers is informed by reference to our enforcement policy, which was last agreed in 2012.
- 1.1.2 A further review has been completed and takes into account revisions to the Code for Crown Prosecutors and Regulator's Compliance Code and reflects the need to liaise with the Primary Authority when enforcement action is proposed.
- 1.1.3 The Board is invited to consider the policy at [Annex 1] in relation to environmental health regulatory functions.

1.2 Legal Implications

- 1.2.1 The adoption and implementation of an enforcement policy seeks to ensure that enforcement action adheres to the principles of better regulation and is consistent, targeted, transparent and proportionate.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.3.1 None.

1.4 Risk Assessment

- 1.4.1 The adoption and implementation of an enforcement policy reduces the risk of a successful challenge to enforcement actions.

1.5 Equality Impact Assessment

1.5.1 The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

1.6 Recommendations

1.6.1 It is **RECOMMENDED** that Cabinet **ENDORSE** the current version of the Environmental Health Services Enforcement Policy

Background papers:

Nil

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