

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

**REFERENCE REPORT: NATIONAL SERVICE PLANNING
REQUIREMENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND TRADING
STANDARDS SERVICES**

Summary

1. This report asks Members to consider a recommendation, referred to the Executive by the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, to approve the Council's environmental health and trading standards service plans. This referral was made in accordance with the delegation scheme detailed in the Council's Constitution.

Background

2. At the meeting of the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services and Advisory Panel on 17 October 2007, Members considered a report which sought approval for the 2007/08 service plans relating to health & safety law enforcement, food law enforcement and animal health enforcement, produced in response to national requirements.

The Executive Member resolved to agree the plans and recommend that they be referred to the Executive for approval.

Members are asked to consider the Executive Member's recommendation that the plans be approved.

Consultation

3. No further consultation has taken place in addition to the consultation detailed in paragraphs 16 to 20 of the report attached as Annex 1.

Options

4. The Executive can either approve or reject the proposal of the Executive Member.

Analysis

5. Members need to consider the details in the report attached as Annex 1 and make a decision based on the information therein.

Corporate Priorities

6. The aims in facilitating this referral to the Executive accord with the key principles of improving the Council's organisational efficiency and complying with the requirements of the Council's Constitution.

Implications

7. The implications relating to the Executive Member's decision to refer the plans to the Executive for approval are set out in paragraphs 15 to 18 of the report at Annex 1.

Risk Management

9. There are no risk management implications in relation to the referral to the Executive of this matter and none associated with the recommendations of the original report.

Recommendations

That the Executive consider the decision of the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services.

Reason: In line with Constitutional requirements and to comply with government guidance stating that these plans should be submitted to the appropriate Member forum for approval.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s)

N/A

Wards Affected:

All

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Background Papers:

Decision Sheet of the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, 17 October 2007 (published on the Council's website on 18 October)

Annexes

Annex 1 – Report to the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services and Advisory Panel – National Service Planning Requirements for Environmental Health and Trading Standards, together with the annexes to that report.