

<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>HOUSING, HEALTH &amp; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES MANAGER</b>
<b>TO:</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE</b>
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## **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT POLICY**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To advise the Executive of the review of the Compliance and Enforcement policies in relation to Environmental Health Food, Health and Safety regulatory services.

To seek approval of the updated policy.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

To note the completion of the review.

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

To ensure enforcement decisions are taken in accordance with good practice and compliance with relevant guidelines.

### **BACKGROUND**

1. The Food, Health and Safety section of Environmental Health carry out a range of regulatory activities which are guided by legislation, formal codes of practice and guidelines from a number of Government departments. In order to comply with these requirements the service operates in accordance with an approved Compliance and Enforcement Policy in compliance with the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills Regulator's code. The policy is subject to review every two years.
2. The latest review was carried out in September 2015. Whilst the underpinning approach and principles of the policy remain unchanged, the policy content has been re-formatted and re-worded in parts to comply with the Regulators Code issued by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (March 2014).
3. A draft copy of the updated policy accompanies this report.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

### **Policy**

Updated policy requires approval.

### **Financial**

None.

### **Legal**

Implementation of the policy ensures enforcement decisions are consistent, transparent and accountable and made in accordance with legal requirements and guidelines.

### **Risk Management**

Implementation of the policy reduces the risk of enforcement decisions being challenged.

### **Health and Safety**

There are no direct health and safety implications arising from the contents of this report.

### **Climate Change**

There are no climate change implications arising from the contents of this report.

### **Community Safety**

There are no community safety implications arising from the contents of this report.

### **Equality and Diversity**

The policy recognizes the need to ensure that regulatory activities and enforcement action are fair and objective and shall have regard to relevant corporate equality and diversity policies.

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

BIS - BRDO Regulators Code (2014)