

# Decision Schedule



## Cabinet Member for Regulatory Functions

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**TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL**

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The Cabinet Member took the following decision on 4 April 2016. It will become effective at Noon on 12 April 2016 with the exception of any particular decision(s), which is (are) the subject of a valid "call-in".

The deadline for submission of a 'Call-in' request form is 4.00 pm on 11 April 2016.

Information relating to the 'Call-in' process can be found on the website or via Democratic Services.

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**RF 01/16**

### **Public Protection, Environmental Health, Trading Standards and Licensing: Reduction in Statutory Enforcement Work 2016/2017**

#### **Options Considered/Reasons for Decision**

The work of the Public Protection group of services comprises a sizable number of the statutory regulatory functions the council is obliged to fulfil, including the many and diverse statutory functions of Trading Standards, Animal Health, Environmental Health, Licensing.

In common with all other council services however, more savings were needed for 2016/17 and beyond. It had reached a point where in Environmental Health, Licensing and Trading Standards, that in order to make staffing savings of £110,000 (Cabinet 15 February 2016 decision on Medium Term Revenue Plan Proposals - Business Case LR08), there needed to be a reduction in the amount of statutory enforcement work being undertaken. In order to make the requisite savings, managers had identified a number of areas that, although forming part of these statutory duties, present a lower risk to the public in terms of a reduction in protection and these are listed in Table 1 (para 3.3). These areas of work, as the least risky, formed those recommended to curtail.

The Cabinet Member has therefore considered and agreed the areas of public protection work that should be reduced or discontinued in order to make budget savings of £110,000 for 2016/17. The staffing reductions and operational changes consequent upon this reduction in enforcement work would then be taken by the Head of Service under delegated powers, in full consultation with the staff and recognised trade unions. Whilst this would involve the loss of three operational posts, none would involve a compulsory redundancy.

#### **Decision**

That Public Protection curtailed the work listed in Table 1 as detailed in the report in order to make savings of £110,000 in 2016/17.

#### **Consultation**

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People & Business Change

All Members were consulted and provided with an opportunity to comment when previously circulated. Any comments received and responses thereafter are set out in the report.

**Implemented By: Head of Law & Regulation**  
**Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

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Councillor Bob Poole, Cabinet Member for Regulatory Functions

Date: 4 April 2016

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