

<b>Committee:</b>	Licensing and Environmental Health Committee	<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, 8 August 2019
<b>Title:</b>	Environmental Health (Protection) Update		
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## Summary

1. This report is to outline to members the work of the Environmental Health (Protection) Service between April and June 2019.

## Recommendations

2. That members note the contents of this report

## Financial Implications

3. None arising from this report

## Background Papers

4. None

## Impact

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Communication/Consultation	None
Community Safety	No direct impact on community
Equalities	No impact on equalities
Health and Safety	No impact on employee health and safety
Human Rights/Legal Implications	All intervention work is carried out in accordance with existing legislative framework and the Council's enforcement policy
Sustainability	Enforcement work undertaken in keeping with the principles of sustainability.
Ward-specific impacts	No ward specific impact

Workforce/Workplace	Environmental Health (Protection) Service
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## Situation

6. The Environmental Health (Protection) Service is a statutory regulatory service dealing with a wide range of complex public health issues. The principle aim of the service is to work towards disease prevention and create health supportive environments. Together with the Environmental Health Commercial Team, the service generally provides an under-recognised contribution to the health of UDC residents.

7. The functions delivered under the umbrella of Environment Health (Protection) are numerous and can be divided into 4 separate headings; namely Environmental Protection, Private Sector Housing, Enforcement & Animal Warden Services. A breakdown of delivery services is provided below.

### 8. Environmental Protection

- Investigation of statutory nuisance complaints (Noise, Smoke, Odour)
- Air quality monitoring & delivery of policy & Action Plans
- Enforcement of environmental protection legislation
- Issuing of, and inspection of premises with Environmental Permits
- Private water supply sampling and risk assessments
- Contaminated land assessment
- Investigation of defective drainage complaints
- Public Health Funerals
- Statutory consultee on planning and licensing applications

### 9. The Private Sector Housing Service

- Housing advice
- Investigation and enforcement of reported sub-standard rented housing
- Provision of grants and loans to upgrade substandard property
- Inspection and licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs)
- Inspection and licensing of caravan sites
- Provision of disabled facilities grants
- Empty homes enforcement

### 10. Enforcement Services

- Abandoned & untaxed vehicles
- Littering
- Fly-posting

- Fly-tipping
- Other duty of care offences
- Taxi Licensing
- Licensed premises

#### 11. Animal Welfare Services

- Animal welfare licensing
- Stray dogs
- Animal related nuisances
- Fouling (Public Space Protection Orders)
- Animal related anti-social behaviour

12. Many of the services are recognised as having a positive impact on public health. Examples of this include air quality monitoring and initiatives to improve air quality, the provision of grants to enable disabled people to remain out of care and live independently and through to the work with planning to reduce the impact of traffic noise on sleep

13. Performance is measured through the service plan targets that link to the Councils Private Sector Housing Strategy, Air Quality Action Plan. A summary the volume of service requests for Q1, is provided below.

Report of Service Requests (SR) 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter (01 April 2019 - 31 June 2019)	
Services Requests Type	No. of SR's received
Planning application Consultations	145
Private sector housing SRs	7
Environmental Protection SRs	113
No of permitted premises inspected	0
Animal related SRs (Noise/ ASB)	27
Stray Dogs	5
Animal Welfare Licensed Premises Issued	8
New Animal Welfare Licensed Premise Applications	11
Pest infestation complaints	12

Litter & fly tipping complaints	14
Un-taxed & Abandoned Vehicles	99
Other Waste Offences Waste Carrier	0
Number of Fixed Penalty Notices Issued	3
Total No of Service Requests	502

14. The Licensing and Environmental Health Committee will be provided with a summary of the service activity on a regular basis going forward.

### Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
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1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.