

**SCRUTINY POLICY REVIEWS 2015/16:
RESPONSE FROM CABINET – ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT**

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF AREA ARRANGEMENTS, SCRUTINY AND
MEMBER SUPPORT**

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide feedback and consider progress on the policy review into environmental enforcement undertaken by the Shadow Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee in 2015/16.
- 1.2 To receive an update on environmental enforcement in the city and consider the next steps required to implement the recommendations of the Committee.

2. Background

- 2.1 On 22 June 2016, Cabinet considered and approved the report of the Shadow Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee into the approach being taken to environmental enforcement in the city together.
- 2.2 This Committee is responsible for receiving feedback from the relevant portfolio on the report and monitoring the implementation of its recommendations.
- 2.3 This report provides feedback from the Portfolio Holder, Councillor Michael Mordey following Cabinet's consideration of the scrutiny committees' recommendations, the progress that has been made to date and proposals for the future.

3. Current Position

- 3.1 Details of the Policy Review recommendations and the proposed actions to be taken are provided in the Action Plan attached at Appendix 1.

- 3.2 Cllr Michael Mordey (Portfolio holder for City Services) will be attending the meeting in order to respond to the recommendations contained in the report and outline the progress made to date.
- 3.3 There will also be a general update on environmental enforcement in the city and consideration of the next steps to be taken in terms of future policy and procedural changes.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 That the Scrutiny Committee considers the progress in relation to actions detailed within the Action Plans and the progress to date.
- 4.2 That the Committee notes the update on environmental enforcement in the city and consider the next steps required to implement the recommendations of the Committee.

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 5.1 The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:-
- (i) Cabinet Agenda; 22 July 2016.

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