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South
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District Council

To: Councillor Mick Martin, Portfolio Holder

David Bard Scrutiny and Overview Committee
Janet Lockwood Opposition

Hazel Smith Opposition

Dear Sir / Madam

You are invited to attend the next meeting of ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S MEETING, which will be held in MONKFIELD ROOM, FIRST FLOOR at South Cambridgeshire Hall on TUESDAY, 14 JANUARY 2014 at 2.00 p.m.

Yours faithfully **JEAN HUNTER** Chief Executive

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AGENDA PAGES PROCEDURAL ITEMS 1. **Declarations of Interest** 2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** 1 - 4 The Portfolio Holder is asked to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2013 as a correct record. **RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET / COUNCIL DECISION ITEMS** 3. **Proposed Fees and Charges for Environmental Services 2014/15** 5 - 24 **INFORMATION ITEMS** 4. **Update on Significant Projects in the Directorate** 25 - 32 STANDING ITEMS

5. Forward Plan

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The plan will be updated as necessary. The Portfolio Holder will be responsible for the content and accuracy of the forward plan.

6. Date of Next Meeting

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- 18 March 2014 at 2pm
- 29 April 2014 at 2pm

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The Council will be recognised as consistently innovative and a high performer with a track record of delivering value for money by focusing on the priorities, needs and aspirations of our residents, parishes and businesses.

OUR VALUES

We will demonstrate our corporate values in all our actions. These are:

- Trust
- Mutual respect
- A commitment to improving services
- Customer service

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Agenda Item 2

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environmental Services Portfolio Holder's Meeting held on Tuesday, 26 November 2013 at 2.00 p.m.

Portfolio Holder: Mick Martin

Councillors in attendance:

Opposition spokesmen: Janet Lockwood and Hazel Smith

Officers:

Patrick Adams Senior Democratic Services Officer

Iain Green Environmental Health Officer (Public Health

Specialist)

Mike Hill Health and Environmental Services Director

Paul Quigley Head of Environment Commissioning

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

19. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2013 were agreed as a correct record.

20. COLLABORATIVE WORKING IN WASTE & RECYCLING SERVICES: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Head of Environment Commissioning presented this report, which invited the Environmental Services Portfolio Holder to consider a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Council and Cambridge City Council for the development of collaborative working in the provision of waste and recycling services, initially at cross border developments. He highlighted the guiding principles of the draft MoU as laid out in the appendix. The initial aim was to have only one council collecting in each specific new development area on the border, at the lowest additional cost to the public sector. It was noted that the Council were still waiting for a response from the City Council's legal section, hence the need to ask for delegated authority to the Director of Health and Environmental Services. It was noted that the MoU would not be legally binding.

In response to questioning the Head of Environment Commissioning explained that he did not expect access issues to properties through narrower streets of the city to be a problem. No immediate change in staffing was expected through these proposals, although this could not be ruled out in the future.

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder

AGREED

- A) The draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) as presented, subject to any final comments being received from Cambridge City Council.
- B) To delegate authority to the Director of Health and Environmental Services to incorporate any agreed final comments received from Cambridge City Council into the MoU in consultation with the Portfolio Holder.

21. HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DRAFT DIRECTORATE PRIORITIES 2014-15

The Director of Health and Environmental Services presented this report, which sought the Environmental Services Portfolio Holder's agreement to the suggested high-level priorities for the financial year 2014/15. It was noted that these priorities would form part of the Corporate Plan.

It was understood that more partnership working with Cambridge City and Cambridge County Councils would be considered in the future as a way of reducing costs.

In response to questioning the Director of Health and Environmental Services stated that there was Government funding for working with families with complex needs and recent case studies suggested that this initiative was successful.

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder urged councillors to suggest what they wanted included in the Service Plan, which would be agreed by the end of March 2014 and he

AGREED The emerging priorities for his Portfolio to be developed and delivered in the Health and Environmental Services Directorate Plan for 2014/15.

22. BUSINESS SATISFACTION WITH REGULATORY SERVICES

The Director of Health and Environmental Services presented this report which informed the Portfolio Holder of the results of the first quarter Business Satisfaction with Regulatory Services Survey for 2013/14 and made comparison with the survey results October 2012 to March 2013. The figures for the second quarter, ending 30 September, were circulated at the meeting. It was noted that figures were collected quarterly to ensure that visits could still be remembered by the customer. It was understood that those who were experiencing an ongoing issue should only receive one questionnaire.

Concern was expressed about the decreasing percentage of service users who felt that they had a received a full explanation of what the Council had done at the result of a visit. It was suggested that either providing prompter feedback or giving a clearer definition of what constituted a "full explanation" could address this issue. It was also suggested that with further reductions in Council funding it was necessary to try and manage public expectations.

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder expressed concern at the reduction in the return rate of questionnaires and he announced that alternative research methods would be considered if this trend continued. It was suggested that in the current economic climate, returning a questionnaire from the Council was not a priority for many businesses.

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder **NOTED** the report.

23. PILOT SHARED PUBLIC HEALTH POST WITH CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Environmental Health Officer – Public Health Specialist presented this report which updated the Environmental Services Portfolio Holder on the establishment of a shared public health post between the Council and Cambridgeshire County Council's Public Health Team. He explained that he had been fulfilling this role for two weeks and it was working well. Cross party working had allowed him to gain knowledge on transport that

could be shared with fellow officers and it was hoped that he could advise colleagues from the county council on housing issues. It was understood that not only did both organisations benefit from this arrangement, but all districts benefited from the presence of the Environmental Health Officer at meetings of the County Council.

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder NOTED the report.

24. FORWARD PLAN

Matters which would be considered at the next meeting included:

- Fees and Charges
- Independent Living Grants
- Update on the biggest projects in the Directorate

It was suggested that private landlords who were concerned about complying with the law should refer to the national Registered Landlords Association in the first instance.

25. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting	will be held on 14 January 2014 at 2pm.	
	The Meeting ended at 3.10 p.m.	

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Agenda Item 3



South
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Report To: Environmental Services Portfolio Holder

Director Health & Environmental Services

14 January 2014

Proposed fees and charges for Health and Environmental Services 2014/15

Purpose

Lead Officer:

- 1. The purpose of this report is to propose fees and charges for Health & Environmental Services for the 2014/15 financial year.
- 2. This not a key decision. Under the terms of the Council's Constitution it is a decision for the portfolio holder. It was first published in the July 2013 Forward Plan.

Recommendations

3. That the Environmental Services Portfolio Holder confirms the proposed fees and charges set out in Appendix 1.

Reasons for Recommendations

4. Confirming the proposed fees and charges will contribute to the efficient and cost effective delivery of a range of council services that impact directly on people's safety and health.

Background

- 5. Fees and charges for functions and services undertaken by Health & Environmental Services are reviewed at least annually and recommendations made for the next financial year. These are both statutory and therefore fixed, or discretionary, where there is an opportunity for variation.
- 6. In deciding on any variation the portfolio holder has previously had regard to a number of factors including council policy, council Aims and Objectives, economic factors e.g. inflation, neighbouring authority charges, market conditions and the need to recover costs.
- 7. For the purposes of cost recovery, actual costs incurred have been used wherever possible. Elsewhere, estimates have been used based on a combination of hourly rates, time spent etc. Although it has not been possible at this time to identify actual unit costs across all relevant service areas, a programme of cost recovery identification is underway, which will be used in future wherever possible.

Considerations

8. Appendix 1 shows the recommended charges for 2014/15 and includes references to policies relating to the charges. The council's current Medium Term Financial Strategy has assumed an inflationary increase of 2.4%. All discretionary fees have

therefore been increased by this amount, rounded up to the nearest whole pound, where appropriate, except in the following areas:

Street and Layby Traders (Section 2)

9. Layby trader fees have been frozen at 2013/14 levels as the current fees continue to recover the council's costs

Licensing (Section 3)

- 10. Under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 the fees charged should be set so as to be sufficient to cover in whole or part, the reasonable cost of administration or other costs in connection with the service.
- 11. The actual full year costs and income from fees are being monitored over a rolling two-year cycle, as previously agreed, in order to ensure they accurately reflect the cost of administering the service. The fees have been adjusted accordingly.
- 12. This two-year cycle has led to a change in the way we calculate fees for Operator licences to better reflect the service costs and better benchmark with neighbouring authorities
- 13. 2013 saw the introduction of new legislation in the form of the Scrap Metal dealers Act 2013 which repealed the existing Motor Salvage Act. Fees were set for this by the Portfolio Holder in October 2013 and the cost of administering the service will be reviewed in the same way as for Taxi licensing to ensure they accurately reflect the costs incurred.
- 14. A higher percentage increase has been applied to Dog Breeding establishments and Dangerous Wild Animal licences as they require a mandatory inspection by SCDC each year

Pest Control

15. This service has now been deleted

Bulky Household Collection Charges (Section 4)

16. The charge for bulky household collections has been frozen at 2013/14 levels. The current level of fees has successfully reduced demand for this service thereby encouraging re-use and recycling, but still provides access to disposal services for those residents who are unable to access the household waste and recycling centres at Milton and Thriplow e.g. those without access to suitable transport.

Provision of Environmental Information – Research & Reporting (Section 6)

17. The fee for the provision of environmental information, which can involve an element of research to gather a range of data on a number of topics (e.g. potential land contamination, location of landfills, records of pollution incidents etc.), has been frozen at 2013/14 levels as the current fee continues to recover the council's costs without inhibiting access to environmental information. As much information on environmental quality as possible is provided on the council's web site so that it is readily available for residents and any interested parties.

Trade Refuse Charges (Sections 8 & 9)

- 18. 2013/14 saw a slow improvement on the previous year. However we still experienced a number of customers closing due to the current economic environment. Landfill tax will rise in April by another £8 per tonne to £80 per tonne. However the County Council maintained the MTB processing cost resulting in an overall disposal charge for 2014/15 of £95 per tonne. The trade service continues to be offered at zero V.A.T. which provides an advantage against our private sector competitors.
- 19. The trade waste recycling service that was introduced in the autumn of 2011 continues to be popular and 22% of trade waste this council collects is being recycled.
- 20. The fees and charges for the next financial year set out in Appendix 1 will produce an income to the council that will contribute to the efficient and cost effective delivery of a range of council services that impact directly on people's safety and health.

Conclusion/Summary

- 21. In setting the proposed level of discretionary fees and charges a number of factors have been taken into account, including council policy, council Aims and Objectives, economic factors e.g. inflation, neighbouring authority charges, market conditions and the need to recover costs.
- 22. In recognition of these factors the many of the discretionary fees and charges have been subject to a below inflation increase. A small number of charges have however been either frozen or increased by a greater amount in response to market conditions and additional cost pressures.

Options

- 23. The Portfolio Holder has the option to:
 - (a) Accept the charges detailed in Appendix 1
 - (b) Reject the charges detailed in Appendix 1
 - (c) Amend the discretionary fees and charges detailed in Appendix 1. There is no ability to amend statutory fees

Implications

24. In the writing of this report, taking into account financial, legal, staffing, risk management, equality and diversity, climate change, community safety and any other key issues, the following implications have been considered: -

Financial

25. The recommendation in this report will result in a like for like increase in income.

Risk Management

26. Regular performance and financial monitoring of services will be undertaken.

Equality and Diversity

27. A partial Equality Impact Assessment was completed with no adverse impacts identified

Consultation responses (including from the Youth Council)

28. A number of adjoining Local Authorities have been consulted for comparative and consistency purposes.

Effect on Strategic Aims

29. Confirming the proposed fees and charges will contribute to the efficient and cost effective delivery of a range of council services that impact directly on people's safety and health, so contributing to the achievement of the council's Strategic Aims.

Background Papers

No background papers were relied upon in the writing of this report.

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Appendix 1: H&ES Fees and Charges 2014/15

Type of fee/ Charge	Fee/charge set by	Fee/Charge 2013/14	Proposed Fee/Charge 2014/15	Council policy when setting the fee/charge
1. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1	990 / POLLUTION	PREVENTION CONTROL A	CT 1999 / PPC REGULAT	
Application Fee i. Standard Process ii. Additional fee for operating	Statutory: Department for	£1,579.00	£1,579.00	Not
without a permit iii. Reduced fee activities	Environment, Food & Rural	£1,137.00	£1,137.00	applicable Statutory Fee.
 PVR I & II Vehicle refinishers Reduced fee activity Additional fee for 	Affairs (DEFRA)	£148.00 £246.00 £346.00	£148.00 £246.00 £346.00	Where an application for
operating without a permit iv. Mobile screening and		£68.00	£68.00	any of these charges is for
crushing plant for the third to seventh		£1,579.00	£1,579.00	a combined Part B and waste
applications for the eighth and		£943.00	£943.00	application, add an extra
subsequent applications		£477.00	£477.00	£297 to the charge
Annual Subsistence Charge	Statutory:			
i. Standard process Lowii. Standard process Mediumiii. Standard process Highiv. Reduced fee activities:	DEFRA	£739.00 (+£99)* £1111.00 (+£149)* £1672.00 (+£198)*	£739.00 (+£99)* £1111.00 (+£149)* £1672.00 (+£198)*	* The additional amounts in brackets must
 Reduced Fee Activities L/M/H PVR I & II Combined 		£76/£151/£227	£76/£151/£227	be charged where a permit is for a
LMH • Vehicle refinishers		£108/£216/£326	£108/£216/£326	combined Part B and
L/M/H v. Mobile screening and		£218/£349/£524	£218/£349/£524	waste installation.
crushing plant L/M/H • for the third to seventh		£618/£989/£1484 £368/£590/£884	£618/£989/£1484 £368/£590/£884	Where a Part B installation
applications L/M/Hfor the eighth and subsequent applications		2300/2330/2004	2300/2390/2004	is subject to reporting
L/M/H • Simplified Permit i.e Mieral		£189/£302/£453	£189/£302/£453	under the E- PRTR
drying/Roadstone Coating plant/Concrete batching/Mobile Crushers		N/A	£218/£349/£524	Regulation, add an extra £99 to the above amounts
				amounts
Transfer and Surrender i. Standard process transfer ii. Partial transfer	Statutory: DEFRA	£162.00 £476.00	£162.00 £476.00	
iii. New Operator at Low Risk Reduced Fee Activity iv. Surrender: all Part B		£75.00	£75.00	Not applicable
activities v. Reduced fee activities:		£0.00	£0.00	Statutory Fee
Transfers – Service Stations, Waste Oil Burners < 0.4MW and		£0.00	£0.00	
Dry Cleaners Partial transfer		Page ₄ 9 ₀₀	£45.00	

Type of fee/ Charge	Fee/charge set by	Fee/Charge 2013/14	Proposed Fee/Charge 2014/15	Council policy when setting the fee/charge
i. First Transfer ii. Repeat Following Enforcement or Warning	Statutory: DEFRA	£51.00 £51.00	£51.00 £51.00	Not applicable Statutory Fee
i. Standard process ii. Standard process where the substantial change results in a new PPC activity iii. Reduced fee activities	Statutory: DEFRA	£1005.00 £1579.00	£1005.00 £1579.00 £98.00	Not applicable Statutory Fee
LAPPC Mobile Plant Charges (if not subject to simplified Permits) i. Application Fee – No. of Permits 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 and over ii. Subsistence Fee – No. of Permits 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 and over	Statutory: DEFRA	£1579.00 £1579.00 £943.00 £943.00 £943.00 £943.00 £943.00 £477.00 (Low/Med/High) £618/£989/£1484 £6618/£989/£1484 £368/£590/£884 £368/£590/£884 £368/£590/£884 £368/£590/£884 £368/£590/£884 £368/£590/£884 £368/£590/£884 £368/£590/£884	£1579.00 £1579.00 £943.00 £943.00 £943.00 £943.00 £943.00 £477.00 (Low/Med/High) £618/£989/£1484 £368/£590/£884 £368/£590/£884 £368/£590/£884 £368/£590/£884 £368/£590/£884 £368/£590/£884 £368/£590/£884 £368/£590/£884 £368/£590/£884	Not applicable Statutory Fee Possible change during 2014 fee set by DEFRA

Type of fee/ Charge	Fee/charge set by	Fee/Charge 2013/14	Proposed Fee/Charge 2014/15	Council policy when setting the fee/charge
LA-IPPC Charges	Statutory:			
 i. Application ii. Additional Fee for Operating without a Permit iii. Annual Subsistence – Low iv. Annual Subsistence – Med v. Annual Subsistence – High vi. Substantial Variation vii. Transfer viii. Partial Transfer ix. Surrender 	DEFRA	£3218.00 £1137.00 £1384.00 £1541.00 £2233.00 £1309.00 £225.00 £668.00 £668.00	£3218.00 £1137.00 £1384.00 £1541.00 £2233.00 £1309.00 £225.00 £668.00 £668.00	Every subsistence charge includes the additional £99 charge to cover LA extra costs in dealing with reporting
Late Payment fee (new)			£50	under the E- PRTR Regulation
Key Subsistence charges can be paid in four equal quarterly instalments paid on 1 st April, 1 st July, 1 st October and 1 st January. Where paid quarterly the total amount payable to the LA will be increased by £36. Reduced fee activities are; Service Stations, Vehicle Refinishers, Dry Cleaners and Small Waste Oil Burners under 0.4MW				
Newspaper Advertisements Newspaper adverts may be required under EPR at the discretion of the LA as part of the consultation process when considering an application (see Chapter 9 of the General Guidance Manual). This will be undertaken and paid for by the LA and the charging scheme contains a provision for the LA to recoup its costs				

Type of fee/ Charge	Fee/charge set by	Fee/Charge 2013/14	Proposed Fee/Charge 2014/15	Council policy when setting the fee/charge
Environment Agency Subsistence Fees for Discharge to Controlled Waters Charge Band A* B* C* D* There is no extra fee payable to the Environmental Agency where quarterly payments are made. In the case of a discharge consent Local Authority permit, 56% of the annual charge that would be payable under the Environment Agency Discharges to Controlled Waters Charges Scheme in relation to the financial year if the discharge or discharges authorised by the permit were permitted by a consent given or served by the Environment Agency under Part III of the Water Resources Act 1991, is payable to the Environment Agency.	Statutory: DEFRA	£2270.00 £760.00 £222.00 £66.00	No Longer a Local Authority function	*A) Where permit conditions contain numerical water discharge limits other than for the pollutants or parameters listed in bands B and C *B) Where permit conditions contain numerical water discharge limits for BOD, COD or ammonia *C) Where permit conditions contain numerical limits for water flow, volume, suspended solids, pH, temperature, oil or grease *D) Where conditions are included in a permit which do not fall within any of the descriptions in bands A-C (e.g. descriptive conditions)
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2. LICENCES Game Dealer	Statutory: Game Act 1831 & Game Licensing Act 1860	Nil	Nil	
Motor Salvage Operators Registrations	Discretionary H&ESPFH	£69	NIL	Legislation repealed by Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013
Sex Shop Establishment i. Initial application	Discretionary H&ESPFH	£3,588	£3,675	Fees to be consistent with neighbouring authorities
ii. Renewal		£615	£630	and ensure recovery of costs.

Type of fee/ Charge	Fee/charge set by	Fee/Charge 2013/14	Proposed Fee/Charge 2014/15	Council policy when setting the fee/charge
Acupuncture, Ear Piercing, Tattooing & Electrolysis	Discretionary : H&ESPFH	£104.00 one off registration fee	£107.00 one off registration fee	To facilitate the identification of bona fide skin piercing businesses registration fees to be kept at cost or just below and comparable with those of neighbouring Authorities
Houses in Multiple Occupation meeting the legal definitions	Legal formula	£600.00 per 5 year period Renewal: £320 per 5 year period	New application: £615.00 per 5 year period Renewal: £330 per 5 year period	Appropriate fee commensurat e with costs of admin and inspections
Caravan Sites = Mobile Homes Act 2013 Licence fee – application Annual fee Transfer application fee Miscellaneous changes to existing licence details	Discretionary		£250.00 £200.00 £200.00 £20.00	New legislation being implemented from 01.04.13

Type of fee/ Charge	Fee/charge set by	Fee/Charge 2013/14	Proposed Fee/Charge 2014/15	Council policy when setting the fee/charge
Animal Boarding Establishments	Discretionary : H&ESPFH	£84	£86	To encourage the start-up of
Dog Breeding Establishments	Discretionary : H&ESPFH	£61	£75	small businesses and ensure

Type of fee/ Charge	Fee/charge set by	Fee/Charge 2013/14	Proposed Fee/Charge 2014/15	Council policy when setting the fee/charge
Riding Establishments:	Discretionary : H&ESPFH	£61.00 Licence fee plus approved vet costs	£63.00 plus approved vet costs	that health & safety and animal welfare visits are made and appropriate advice given to proprietors. Charges are to cover the cost of inspections, Officers' time, administration on-costs and the total amount of any veterinary surgeon's fee) All Dog breeding establishment are subject to annual inspection, all others are risk based

Type of fee/ Charge	Fee/charge set by	Fee/Charge 2013/14	Proposed Fee/Charge 2014/15	Council policy when setting the fee/charge
Dangerous Wild Animals	Discretionary : H&ESPFH	£61.00 plus relevant vet fees	£75.00 plus relevant vet fees	To recover approximate costs of inspection Officer's time with administrative on-costs + the total costs of any veterinary surgeon that is asked to inspect those premises, but charges do not deter members of the public from being open about their ownership of such animals.

Type of fee/ Charge	Fee/charge set by	Fee/Charge 2013/14	Proposed Fee/Charge 2014/15	Council policy when setting the fee/charge
Pet Shops i. Basic ii. With exotic or dangerous wild animals	Discretionary : H&ESPFH	£81.00 plus relevant vet fees £136.00 plus relevant vet fees	£81.00 plus relevant vet fees £136.00 plus relevant vet fees	To cover administration & veterinary costs. Fees reflect the cost of administering the service with
				inspection being based on intel/complaints
Zoos (6 year licence)	Discretionary : H&ESPFH	Actual costs involved	Actual costs involved	To cover the cost of providing the service with acknowledgeme nt of the demands of animal welfare and public safety. Actual Officer costs (including vet & other officials' fees) for year together with any other charges incurred in the admin of zoo licensing
Street Trading i. Mobile Traders in villages up to 2 nights a week ii. Over 2 nights a week	Discretionary : H&ESPFH	£205.00 £410.00	£210.00 £420.00	Simplified fee structure to recover costs of administering, monitoring &
				inspecting street trading provisions
Layby traders	Discretionary : H&ESPFH	£787.00 (including rates)	£787.00 (including rates)	Simplified fee structure to recover costs of administering, monitoring & inspecting provisions

	Type of fee/ Charge	Fee/charge set by	Fee/Charge 2013/14	Proposed Fee/Charge 2014/15	Council policy when setting the fee/charge
3. H	ACKNEY CARRIAGE & PRIVATE	HIRE VEHICLE L	ICENSING		
Drive	r's Licence				Recovery of the
i.	Grant		£190.00	£195.00	whole costs of
ii.	Renewal		£95.00	£95.00	the Hackney
iii.	Fee for knowledge base	Discretionary	£24.00	£50.00	Carriage and
	test for drivers – new	:			Private Hire
	applicants only	H&ESPFH			vehicle licensing
iv.	Replacement badge		£20.00	£10.00	system so that

	Type of fee/ Charge	Fee/charge set by	Fee/Charge 2013/14	Proposed Fee/Charge 2014/15	Council policy when setting the fee/charge
Opera	tor's Licence				the costs of the
İ.	Single vehicle		£69.00	£80.00	service are borne
ii.	Two vehicles		£134.00	£150.00	by the user.
iii.	Three to five vehicles		£30.00	£200.00	
iv.	Six to ten vehicles			£250.00	This change of
٧.	Eleven to Twenty			£300.00	fee structure
	vehicles				(operators) better
vi.	Twenty one vehicles			£400.00	reflects the cost
	and above				of the service
vii.	Name/address change			£10.00	relevant to the
	to existing licence				business user
					and benchmarks
Vehicl	le Licensing (including				with
	inspection)				neighbouring
i.	Grant		£107.00	£110.00	authorities
ii.	Renewal		£88.00	£90.00	
iii.	Replacement plate		£24.00	£20.00	
Small	Lottery Licence	Statutory:			Not applicable
i.	Grant	Gambling Act	£40.00	£40.00	Statutory Fee
ii.	Renewal	2005	£20.00	£20.00	
Licen	ce to Kill Game	Statutory			Not applicable
i.	Full year		£6.00	£6.00	Paid to post
ii.	Part year		£4.00	£4.00	office and then
iii.	Occasional		£2.00	£2.00	income
					transferred to
					SCDC half yearly
					Statutory Fee

Type of fee/ Charge	Fee/charge set by	Fee/Charge 2013/14	Proposed Fee/Charge 2014/15	Council policy when setting the fee/charge
Stray Dogs Seizure fee	Statutory: The Environmental Protection (Stray Dogs) Regulations 1992	Prescribed seizure fee £25.00	Prescribed seizure fee £25.00	Ohaana
Seizure with transport and/or kennelling	Other charges Discretionary ESPFH	£52.00 Transportation/ Admin Fee Kennelling Fee £15.00 per day + VAT Veterinary Fees if applicable	£53.00 Transportation/ Admin Fee Kennelling Fee £17.00 per day + VAT Veterinary Fees if applicable	Charge structure to reflect SCDC administration, transportation and kennelling costs

	Type of fee/ Charge	Fee/charge Fee/Charge Fee/Charge Set by 2013/14 Proposed Fee/Charge 2014/15		Council policy when setting the fee/charge	
Suppl	r Sampling (Private Water lies Regulations 2009)	Discretionary: H&ESPFH (up to maximum prescribed in Regulations)	Recovery of costs - max annual total cost:	Recovery of costs - max annual total cost:	In order to promote public health and ensure safe potable water but not at the
Asses i.	Risk assessment (each assessment)		£500	£500	general expense of the Council Tax payer, to recover costs of
ii.	Sampling (each visit) ¹		£100	£100	sampling, analysis and risk
iii.	Investigation (each investigation)		£100	£100	assessment
iv.	Granting an authorisation (each authorisation)		£100	£100	Cost recovery based on £40 hourly rate to cover Officer
V.	Analysis - Reg 10 analysis (small domestic)		£25	£25	time, administration and on-cost in
	- Check monitoring (basic analysis)		£100	£100	addition to actual cost of
	- Audit monitoring (chemicals etc.)		£500	£500	analysis up to maximum amounts
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Food	Health Certificate	Discretionary: ESPFH	£103.00 plus VAT	£106.00 plus VAT	Fees set at a level which recovers Council costs at a commercial rate without costs being set so high that it inhibits local businesses from exporting food

	Type of fee/ Charge	Fee/charge set by	Fee/Charge 2013/14	Proposed Fee/Charge 2014/15	Council policy when setting the fee/charge
Refuse i.	e & Recycling Service Domestic Clinical Waste	Discretionary: H &ES PFH	No charge	No charge	
ii.	Commercial premises per 10 sacks		£17.80	£18.25	Fees set to promoting more sustainable
iii.	Sharps Boxes		£13.50	£13.80	methods of disposal such as
iv.	Bulky Household Waste Up to three items		£30.00	£30.00	re-use or recycling and to manage demand, placing
Pe	r item (after three)		£5.00	£5.00	costs on those that use services without
i.	Sack Service		£4.80 /roll (30) delivered	£4.90 /roll (30) delivered	unduly disadvantaging those without access to
ii.	New Provision, Additional Black, Green or Blue bin and replacement bin- resident damage		£69.50 Admin charge	£71.00 Admin charge	alternatives e.g. bulky item disposal
iii.	Replacement bin –Stolen with incident number		Nil	Nil	

Type of fee/ Charge	Fee/charge set by	Fee/Charge 2013/14	Proposed Fee/Charge 2014/15	Council policy when setting the fee/charge
5. Training Courses				
Food Hygiene Level 2	Discretionary: ESPFH	£65.00 (general public)	£70.00 (general public)	Set at costs competitive with
Food Hygiene Level 3		£293.00	£299.00	external organisations to encourage
Health & Safety Level 2		£64.00	£65.00	attendance at Environmental
Health & Safety Level 3		£293.00	£299.00	Health courses

Type of fee/ Charge	Fee/charge set by	Fee/Charge 2013/14	Proposed Fee/Charge 2014/15	Council policy when setting the fee/charge
6. OTHER FEES AND CHARGES				
Staff involved in civil litigation	Discretionary: ESPFH	Varies due to specific Officer & time involved	Varies due to specific Officer & time involved	To cover staff costs
Provision of information – Local Land charge searches	Discretionary: ESPFH	£135 – Maximum fee	£139 Maximum fee	To recover costs of administration and officer time in researching and reporting on environmental information.
Supply of specific information from records	Statutory: The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004	As listed in SCDC FOI Policy & Procedure April 2009	As listed in SCDC FOI Policy & Procedure April 2009	Fees vary due to nature of request (see SCDC web site FOI Fee Structure)

Type of fee/ Charge		Fee/charge set by	Fee/Charge 2013/14	Proposed Fee/Charge 2014/15	Council policy when setting the fee/charge
	val & Disposal of	Statutory:			
Aband	doned Vehicles	Refuse			
		Disposal			
i.	Removal	(Amenity) Act	Removal £105.00	i. £105.00	
		1978			
ii.	Storage (per day)	Removal,	Storage £12.00 per	ii. £12.00 per day	
	· · · · · · ·	Storage &	day		Not applicable
		Disposal of		iii. £85.00	Statutory fee
iii.	Disposal	Vehicle	Disposal £85.00		•
	·	(Prescribed	·		
		Sums &			
		Charges)			
		Regulations			
		1989 as			
		amended			

Type of fee/ Charge	Fee/charge set by	Fee/Charge 2013/14				narge	Council policy when setting the fee/charge
7. FIXED PENALTY PROVISIONS							
Offence	Fee/charge set by Legislation	Fee/Charge 2013/14		Propo Fee/Cl 2014	narge 4/15	Council policy when setting the fee/charge	
		FP if paid within 14 days	FP reduced if paid within 10 days	FP if paid within 14 days	FP reduced if paid within 10 days		
Depositing Litter	Environment al Protection Act 1990	£75.00	£50.00	£75.00	£50.00		
Dog Fouling	Dog (Fouling of Land) Act 1996	£50.00	No reduction	£50.00	No reducti on		
Failure to Produce Waste Transfer Note	Control of Pollution (Amendment) Act 1989	£300.00	£180.00	£300.00	£180.0 0		
Failure to Produce Waste Carriers Licence	Environment al Protection Act 1990	£300.00	£180.00	£300.00	£180.0 0		
Abandoning a Motor Vehicle	Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978	£200.00	£120.00	£200.00	£120.0 0	Not applicable Statutory fee	
Exposing 2 or more vehicles for sale on a road	Clean Neighbourhoo d & Environment Act 2005	£100.00	£60.00	£100.00	£60.00		
Repairing vehicle on the road	Clean Neighbourhoo d & Environment Act 2005	£100.00	£60.00	£100.00	£60.00		
Failure to comply with Litter Clearing Notice	Environment al Protection Act 1990	£100.00	£60.00	£100.00	£60.00		

Offence	Fee/charge set by Legislation	Fee/Charge 2013/14		Proposed Fee/Charge 2014/15		Council policy when setting the fee/charge
		FP if paid within 14 days	FP reduced if paid within 10 days	FP if paid within 14 days	FP reduced if paid within 10 days	
Deface any Property by	Anti-Social	£75.00	£50.00	£75.00	£50.00	
painting, writing, etc.	Behaviour					
(Graffiti & fly posting)	Act 2003					
Painting or affixing things to a	Highways	£75.00	£50.00	£75.00	£50.00	
structure on the Highway	Act 1980					
Failure to place waste in	Environment	£100.00	£60.00	£100.00	£60.00	
prescribed container	al Protection					Not applicable
(Household)	Act 1990					Statutory fee
Failure to place waste in	Environment	£100.00	£60.00	£100.00	£60.00	
prescribed container	al Protection					
(Commercial)	Act 1990					
Unauthorised distribution of	Environment	£75.00	£50.00	£75.00	£50.00	
literature on designated land	al Protection					
	Act 1990					

Offence	Fee/charge set by Legislation	Fee/Ch 2013/	•	Proposed Fee/Charge 2014/15		Council policy when setting the fee/charge
Noise from dwellings	Noise Act	£100.00	No	£100.00	No	
	1996		reducti		reducti	
			on		on	
Noise from licensed premises	Noise Act	£100.00	No	£100.00	No	
	1996		reducti		reducti	
			on		on	

8. TRADE REFUSE CHARGES ALL PRICES ARE A MAXIMUM PER BIN	I LIFT CHARGE AND	ARE NOT SUBJECT TO \	/AT	
Sacks		Charge 2013/14	Charge 2014/15	
Packs of 25	Discretionary: ESPFH	£1.45 per sack delivered in packs of 25	£1.55 per sack delivered in packs of 25	
Eurocontainer (1100 Litre) Residual Recycling		£14.00 £11.48	£14.95 £12.26	
Eurocontainer (660 Litre) Residual Recycling		£10.00 £7.80	£10.85 £8.20	
Eurocontainer (360 Litre) Residual Recycling	Discretionary: ESPFH	£5.65 £4.63	£6.30 £5.17	*New service –
Eurocontainer (240 Litre) Residual Recycling Catering Waste		£3.75 £3.75 £9.25	£4.15 £4.15 £10.00	catering waste is heavy hence higher cost.

Type of fee/ Charge		Fee/charge set by	Proposed Charge 2013/14	Proposed Charge 2014/15	Council policy when setting the fee/charge
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	A MAXIMUM PER BIN	LIFT CHARGE AND	ARE NOT SUBJECT TO	VAI	
Sacks – Delivered in packs of 25		Discretionary: ESPFH	£0.87 per sack delivered in packs of 25	£0.90 per sack delivered in packs of 25	
1100 Litre Euro Residual – no di Recycling	· •		£8.35 £11.48*	£8.80 £12.26*	*schools paying
660 Litre Eurobin, per lift Residual – no disposal cost Recycling			£5.91 £7.79*	£6.40 £8.90*	for a residual waste service
360 Litre Eurobin, per lift Residual – no disposal cost Recycling			£3.30 £4.63*	£3.85 £5.17*	do not pay for the recycling service
240 Litre Eurok Residual – no di Recycling	· •		£2.18 £3.08*	£2.50 £4.15*	

Licensing Act 2003 – Fees (Statutory)

Premises/Club Licence	Fee/Charge 2013/14	Proposed Fee/Charge 2014/15	
Band A	£100.00	£100.00	
Band B	£190.00	£190.00	
Band C	£315.00	£315.00	
Band D	£450.00	£450.00	Fee set by Central
D and Primary Business Alcohol Sales x 2	£900.00	£900.00	Government
Band E	£635.00	£635.00	
E and Primary Business Alcohol Sales x 3	£1, 905.00	£1, 905.00	

Annual Fee	Fee/Charge 2013/14	Proposed Fee/Charge 2014/15	
Band A	£70.00	£70.00	
Band B	£180.00	£180.00	Fac action
Band C	£295.00	£295.00	Fee set by Central
Band D	£320.00	£320.00	Government
Band E	£350.00	£350.00	

Additional fees for large venues and events

Number in Attendance at any one time	Fee/Charge 2013/14	Proposed Fee/Charge 2014/15	
5,000 to 9,999	£1, 000	£1, 000	
10,000 to 14,999	£2, 000	£2, 000	
15,000 to 19,999	£4,000	£4,000	Fee set by
20,000 to 29,999	£8, 000	£8, 000	Central
30, 000 to 39,999	£16,000	£16,000	Government
40, 000 to 49, 999	£24, 000	£24, 000	
50, 000 to 59, 999	£32, 000	£32, 000	
60, 000 to 69, 000	£40, 000	£40, 000	
70, 000 to 79,999	£48, 000	£48, 000	
80, 000 to 89, 999	£56, 000	£56, 000	
90, 000 and over	£64, 000	£64, 000	
Temporary Events	£21 per event	£21 per event	

Schedule of Maximum Fees – Gambling Act 2005 (Council has set maximum fee permitted)

Classes of premises licence	Maximum non-conversion application fee in respect of provisional statement premises	Maximum non- conversion application fee in respect of other premises	Maximum annual fee	Maximum fee for application to vary licence	Maximum fee for application to transfer a licence	Maximum fee for application for reinstatement of a licence	Maximum fee for application for provisional statement
Regional casino premises licence	£8,000	£15,000	£15,000	£7,500	£6,500	£6,500	£15,000
Large casino premises licence	£5,000	£10,000	£10,000	£5,000	£2,150	£2,150	£10,000
Small casino premises licence	£3,000	£8,000	£5,000	£4,000	£1,800	£1,800	£8,000
Converted casino premises licence			£3,000	£2,000	£1,350	£1,350	
Bingo premises licence	£1,200	£3,500	£1,000	£1,750	£1,200	£1,200	£3,500
Adult gaming centre premises licence	£1,200	£2,000	£1,000	£1,000	£1,200	£1,200	£2,000
Betting premises (track) licence	£950	£2,500	£1,000	£1,250	£950	£950	£2,500
Family entertainment centre premises licence	£950	£2,000	£750	£1,000	£950	£950	£2,000
Betting premises (other) licence	£1,200	£3,000	£600	£1,500	£1,200	£1,200	£3,000

These fees are currently set at the maximum amount

Schedule of Abandoned Vehicles Fees – Road Traffic Act 1988 (Retention and Disposal of Seized Motor Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations 2008

<u>Table 1 – Regulation 6(2)</u>

	1	2	3	4	5
1	Vehicle position and condition	Vehicle equal to or less than 3.5 tonnes MAM	Vehicle exceeding 3.5 tonnes MAM but equal to or less than 7.5 tonnes MAM	Vehicle exceeding 7.5 tonnes MAM but equal to or less than 18 MAM	Vehicle exceeding 18 tonnes MAM
2	Vehicle on road, upright and not substantially damaged or any two wheeled vehicle whatever its condition or position on or off road	£150	£200	£350	£350
3	Vehicle, excluding a two wheeled vehicle, on road but either not upright or substantially damaged or both.	£250	£650	Unladen-£2000	Unladen- £3000
				Laden-£3000	Laden– £4500
4	Vehicle, excluding a two wheeled vehicle, off road, upright and	£200	£400	Unladen-£1000	Unladen- £1500
	not substantially damaged			Laden-£1500	Laden- £2000
5	Vehicle, excluding a two wheeled vehicle, off road but either not upright or	£300	£850	Unladen-£3000	Unladen- £4500
	substantially damaged or both			Laden-£4500	Laden- £6000

Table 2 – Regulation 6(3)

	1	2	3	4	5
1	Two wheeled vehicle	Vehicle, not including a two wheeled vehicle, equal to or less than 3.5 tonnes MAM	Vehicle exceeding 3.5 tonnes MAM but equal to or less than 7.5 tonnes MAM	Vehicle exceeding 7.5 tonnes MAM but equal to or less than 18 tonnes MAM	Vehicle exceeding 18 tonnes MAM
2	£10	£20	£25	£30	£35



South
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Report To: Environmental Services Portfolio Holder 14 January 2014

Lead Officer: Director, Health and Environmental Services

Health and Environmental Services Directorate Projects Update

Purpose

- 1. To update the Portfolio Holder, Environmental Services on current and planned projects across the Health & Environmental Services Directorate.
- 2. This is not a key decision.

Recommendations

3. That the Portfolio Holder notes and comments on the projects and suggests key criteria to prioritise projects for the forthcoming 2014-15 H&ES Directorate Plan.

Reasons for Recommendations

4. Following the agreement of suggested H&ES Directorate Priorities in November 2013, the Portfolio Holder's views are sought on how the projects can be prioritised to support effective delivery and resource allocation.

Background

- 5. The variety of services delivered by the Health & Environmental Services Directorate means that at any one time, there are a range of projects underway. As of December 2013, there are 72 individual projects in progress (although several of them relate to other Portfolios), as shown in Appendix 1.
- 6. To better prioritise staff time and resources and track delivery, these projects have been brought together to be managed as a programme. Each project has a sponsor and manager and will be reviewed regularly by H&ES Directorate Leadership Team.
- 7. Key current projects include:
 - (a) **BIEP Waste Review**. As part of the South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) Business Improvement & Efficiency Programme (BIEP), the current Waste Service is being reviewed to identify options for service improvements and efficiencies. This project will report to EMT Programme Board and the Portfolio Holder during January 2014.
 - (b) RECAP Whole Systems Approach. SCDC is a partner in RECAP, the Cambridgeshire Waste Partnership, and has been working with other local Councils to identify opportunities to reduce the cost of waste services to the public in Cambridgeshire. The Partnership has successfully agreed to let a joint-contract for Material Recycling Facilities, with a joint Invitation to Tender due to be published in January 2014. Further projects are underway to identify

- opportunities for joint procurement, aligning service design and cross-border working.
- (c) Cambridge City/South Cambridgeshire DC Cross-Border Waste Working. New housing developments such as Cambridge North-West and Trumpington Meadows cross the border of Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire DC. In November 2013, the Portfolio Holder agreed a draft Memorandum of Understanding to underpin cross-border waste collection services between Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire DC. A detailed Service Level Agreement is now being developed. Further opportunities for closer working between the two councils will be developed in the next year, including merging waste services in a new, joint operations centre at the SCDC Depot at Waterbeach.
- (d) **H&ES Directorate Re-organisation.** Work continues to embed the changes arising from the new Directorate structure and ways of working introduced in April 2013. The Sustainable Communities Team moved into the H&ES Partnerships Team from Planning & New Communities in November 2013 while the reorganisation of the H&ES Directorate Resources Team will take place by March 2014. Delays have occurred in moving forward the Environmental Health & Licensing Service due to staff absences.
- (e) **Joint Portfolio Holder Task & Finish Group.** Work begins In January 2014 to develop 4 corporate plans: Health & Wellbeing, Children, Young People and Families, Ageing Well, and Localism. This work is being prioritised as a 3A's Action and will require significant officer time over the next 3 months. Further resources will be required to implement the actions arising from these plans in the 2014-15 Directorate Plan.
- 8. Many of the projects currently underway are not 1-year projects but are running over several service-planning years. It is anticipated that 27 will be completed by the end of current financial year. As a result, the 45 projects shown in Appendix 2 will be carried forward into the 2014-15 Directorate Plan, including the Waste and Directorate reorganisation projects noted above. The Portfolio Holder's views are sought on the key criteria that might be used to prioritise these projects, particularly in the light of the draft Medium Term Financial Strategy and the draft Corporate Plan currently out for consultation.

Considerations

- 9. The H&ES projects reflect commitments in the current SCDC 3A's Corporate Plan, priorities agreed as part of the 2013-14 H&ES Directorate Plan, and to Waste, Community Safety and Health Partners. Additionally, H&ES officers are fully engaged in the SCDC Business Improvement & Efficiency Programme.
- 10. This is the first time that all the projects within the Directorate have been brought together to be delivered as a formal programme of work. The variety of the work reflects the wide range of services and improvements being delivered by officers within the Directorate. The Portfolio Holder is invited to comment on the current projects and the key criteria to prioritise projects for the 2014-15 Directorate Plan.

Implications

11. In the writing of this report, taking into account financial, legal, staffing, risk management, equality and diversity, climate change, community safety and any other key issues, the following implications have been considered: -

Financial

12. Implementing changes to waste service will require invest-to-save bid for Project Officer. This will be funded from any efficiencies identified. Otherwise, it is anticipated that all projects will be delivered from agreed budgets.

Staffing

13. See financial implications above.

Risk Management

14. A risk-register will be developed for each project and the Programme overall.

Equality and Diversity

15. Equality impact assessments for each project will be undertaken as appropriate.

Consultation responses (including from the Youth Council)

- 16. Consultations will be undertaken within each project as relevant.
- 17. As part of the development of the SCDC Children, Young People and Families Plan, two members of the SCDC Youth Council have been invited to join the Portfolio Holder's Task & Finish Group. Additional consultations will be undertaken as relevant.

Effect on Strategic Aims

18. The projects underway within the Directorate contribute to all 3 of the Council's strategic aims as set out in the 3A's Corporate Plan.

Background Papers

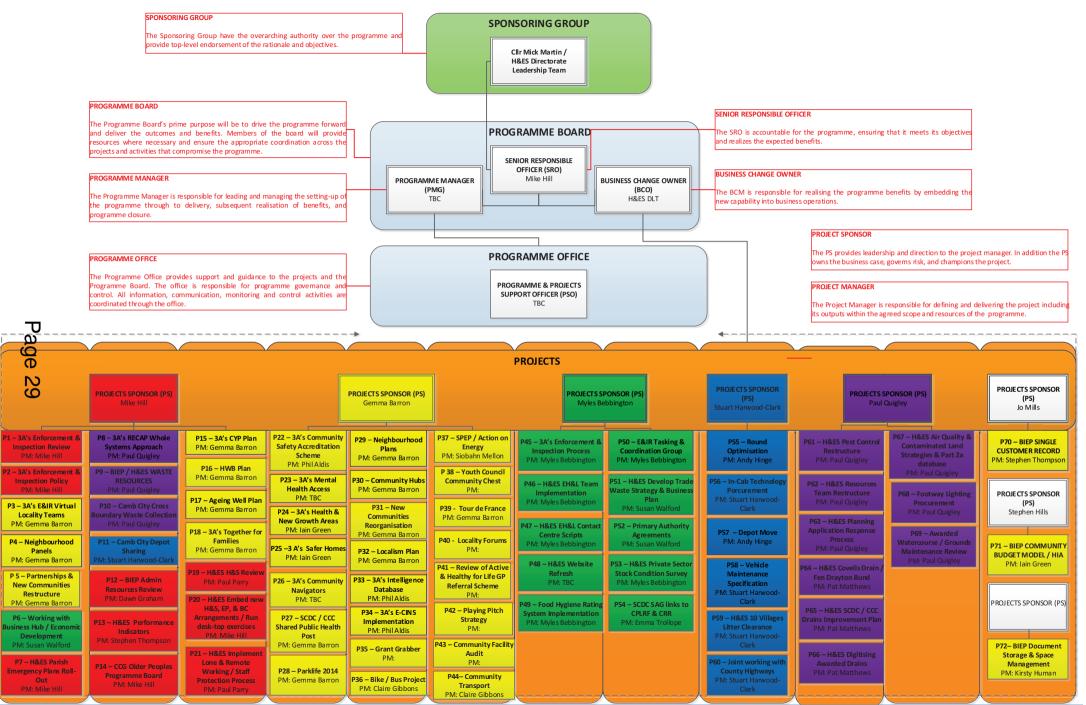
No background papers were relied upon in the writing of this report.

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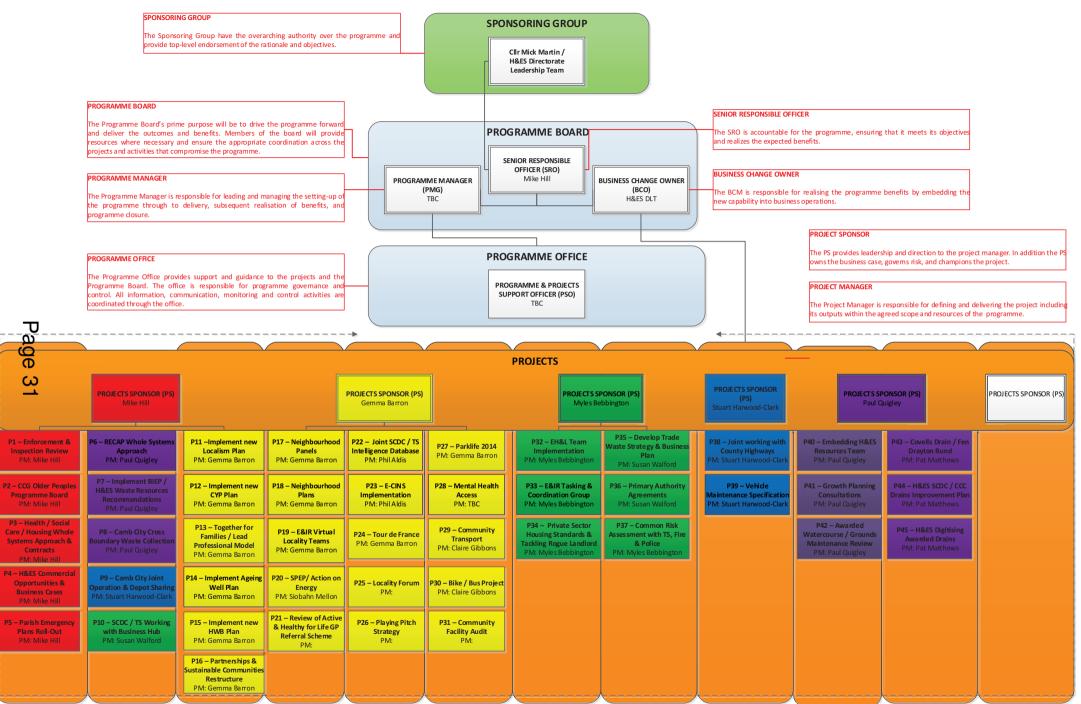
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PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

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