

## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S MEETING

FRIDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2014

### DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Environmental Services Portfolio Holder's Meeting held on Friday, 12 December 2014. Decisions made by the Portfolio Holder will be subject to call-in. Recommendations made to the Cabinet or to the Council are not subject to call-in. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Patrick Adams.

#### 1. ACTIVE AND HEALTHY FOR LIFE GP REFERRAL SCHEME

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder

##### AGREED

- A) To continue the scheme at all centres for a further three-years at the reduced cost, providing the coordination within existing resources at the Council.
- B) To review the scheme every 6-month and make recommendations to the Portfolio Holder
- C) To further promote the scheme with GPs to increase take-up and targeting of the right people.

**Other Options Considered:** The following options were considered:

- (a) To continue the scheme at all centres for a further three-years (or an alternative number of years), providing the coordination within existing resources at the Council. Assuming no external funding, the cost of the scheme to the Council would be approximately £10,100 (£16,800 including staff costs).
- (b) To continue the scheme at all centres for a further three-years (or an alternative number of years), working in partnership with a neighbouring local authority to coordinate the scheme. Assuming no external funding, this cost of the scheme to the Council would be approximately £21,100.
- (c) To reduce the number of sports centres delivering the scheme from nine to four for the next three-years (or an alternative number of years), providing the coordination within existing resources at the Council. Assuming no external funding, the cost of the scheme to the Council would be approximately £7,600 (£14,300 including staff costs).
- (d) To withdraw from delivering the scheme, following a period of notice to the sports centres.

**Reason For Decision:** Continuing the scheme at all nine centres will ensure coverage across the district and enable residents to continue to access a GP referred physical activity scheme in their local area. The cost to the public sector of the district council co-ordinating this scheme, without public health funding, is significantly lower than if public health funding is received because the scheme would have to be free to clients at the point of delivery under current regulations. The scheme is effective for medium and low risk populations for certain health conditions.

**2. PROPOSED FEES AND CHARGES FOR HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES 2015/16**

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder

**AGREED** the proposed fees and charges set out in Appendix 1 of the report, with the correction for the charge for a licence for a house in multiple occupancy for 2015/16 to £630 per 5 year period.

**Other Options Considered:** The portfolio holder considered

- A) Accepting the charges detailed in Appendix 1
- B) Rejecting the charges detailed in Appendix 1
- C) Amending the discretionary fees and charges in Appendix 1. There is no ability to amend the statutory fees.

**Reason For Decision:** 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.

**3. AUDIT OF FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY OF FOOD LAW SERVICE 1-3 JULY 2014**

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder

**AGREED** the action plan at Appendix 1 to address the Food Standards Agency priorities.

**Other Options Considered:** The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder considered:

- implementing the action plan in its entirety and thereby comply fully with the food law code of practice.
- prioritising the action plan so that it is implemented in stages over a longer period than suggested, this could invoke sanctions from the Food Standards Agency.
- disregarding the proposed action plan act may put South Cambridgeshire DC in contravention of statutory duties and present a risk to health to consumers. This was not recommended.

**Reason For Decision:** The team strive to provide the best service possible for customers and to support sustainable business compliance. Over the last three years the service has undergone a positive move towards an intelligence-led, risk-based intervention programme in line with the Corporate Enforcement & Inspection Policy and this timely audit has given the impetus to ensure a thorough review of systems results in a management framework which supports a quality, consistent, transparent and graduated approach towards enforcement.

**4. PROPOSED CHARGING POLICY FOR CARAVAN SITE LICENSING MOBILE HOMES ACT 2013**

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder

**AGREED** the proposed policy attached as Appendix 1.

**Other Options Considered:** The Portfolio Holder considered:

- (a) Accepting the policy detailed in Appendix 1
- (b) Rejecting the policy detailed in Appendix 1
- (c) Amending the policy detailed in Appendix 1.

**Reason For Decision:** Confirming the proposed policy will prevent legal challenge to

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