

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S MEETING

THURSDAY, 23 JULY 2015

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Environmental Services Portfolio Holder's Meeting held on Thursday, 23 July 2015. 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 Maggie Jennings.

1. OUT OF HOURS SERVICE REVIEW

The Portfolio Holder **AGREED** the proposed changes to the Environmental Health and Licensing 'Out of Hours' service to a risk-based approach, maintaining a 24/7 contact service for the public to deal with significant emergencies such as fatalities, infectious disease outbreaks, and adopting a logging service with next working day response to all other enquiries.

Other Options Considered: The Portfolio Holder could have accepted, rejected or amended the proposed changes. Rejection of the proposed changes, risks continuing with a costly 'reception' service for non-urgent calls and inefficient use of valuable expert Environmental Health Officer time.

Reason for Decision: This recommendation will maintain a 24/7 out-of-hours contact service for the public whilst re-introducing a risk-based approach to responding to emergencies, reducing costs, and freeing-up the expert, but limited, resources of SCDC Environmental Health and Licensing officers.

2. FOOD SAFETY PLAN

The Portfolio Holder **ADOPTED** the Environmental Health and Licensing Food Safety Service Plan 2015/16, subject to the correction of a typographical error at paragraph 2.2.

Other Options Considered: None.

Reason for Decision: The Council is required by the Food Standards Agency to develop a Service Plan on an annual basis detailing how the food hygiene function will be implemented.

3. MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS CARE CONCORDAT

The Portfolio Holder **AGREED** to SCDC signing up to the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Mental Health Crisis Care Concordat Declaration and Action Plan.

Other Options Considered: The Portfolio Holder could have refused to sign-up to the Mental Health Crisis Concordat and Action Plan and simply continue current work with partners and the delivery Manager to deliver improved outcomes for residents. However, SCDC would then lose an opportunity to further enhance its reputation with both residents and partners.

Reason for Decision: The SCDC Health & Wellbeing and Children, Young People and Families priorities agreed by Cabinet in October 2014 include focusing on the health of vulnerable people to prevent future crises, working with partners to improve the local 'health system', and improving information sharing with Partners. The Mental Health Crisis Care Concordat Declaration and Action Plan will support delivery of these priorities.