



Licensing and Regulatory Committee	Thursday, 11 October 2018	Matter for Information
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Report Title: **Environmental Health Update (Q2 2018/19)**

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Purpose of Report:	To provide Members with a summary of work undertaken within Environmental Health in Q2 2018/19.
Report Summary:	This report provides information on the progress of routine work and projects within the current Project Plan relevant to Environmental Health. Matters for discussion expand on the themes and subjects previously reported to the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.
Recommendation(s):	That the contents of the report be noted.
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Corporate Priorities:	Effective Service Provision (CP2) Balanced Economic Development (CP3)
Vision and Values:	Teamwork (V3) Customer Focus (V5)
Report Implications:-	
Legal:	There are no implications directly arising from this report.
Financial:	There are no implications directly arising from this report.
Corporate Risk Management:	Decreasing Financial Resources (CR1) Effective Utilisation of Assets/Buildings (CR5) Organisational/Transformational Change (CR8)
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications arising from this report. EA not applicable.
Human Rights:	There are no implications arising from this report.

Health and Safety:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Statutory Officers' Comments:-	
Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.
Chief Finance Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Consultees:	None.
Background Papers:	None.
Appendices:	None.

1. Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)

- 1.1 The PSPO for the Regulation of Dogs in the Borough was publicised in the Autumn edition Letterbox and an update thereon has been available on the Council's website since August 2018. Following the advertised consultation and the PSPO being agreed at Full Council on 22 February 2018, which formed part of the formal implementation requirements of enacting the PSPO, there have been 29 unique hits/views on the Council's website.
- 1.2 It was agreed at Full Council on 22 February 2018 to enact the PSPO across the whole Borough. The PSPO was formally brought into force on 24 September 2018 for a period of three years. New designated signage has been procured and erected in the designated areas across the Borough to highlight the key regulatory issues. The offences under the PSPO can be found on the [Council's website by following the link](#).
- 1.3 The Council will be using Officers and CCTV cameras to enforce the PSPO, as it is known that dog fouling causes distress to many residents who in turn relay their concerns to Members. Any breach of the PSPO could result in the issuing of a £100 Fixed Penalty Notice or offenders being taken to court and receiving a fine upon conviction of up to £1000.
- 1.4 There have been no Fixed Penalty Notices issued under the new PSPO to date.

2. Dog Fouling

- 2.1 As in previous quarters, Officers continue to monitor the parks and open spaces across the Borough to maintain a positive enforcement presence, however, due to the commitments in delivering the Pest Control Service and promoting its availability, this has been slightly compromised due to limited resourcing. Instead, a targeted response to problem "hot spots" and complaints received has been prioritised to manage customer expectations.

3. Abandoned Vehicles

- 3.1 The Council has received 27 notifications of abandoned vehicles (AV's) this quarter. Further analysis confirmed that of those reported as AV's following investigation, only 1 case required Officer intervention and firm enforcement.

4. Pest Control Statistics

4.1 Statistics

- 4.1.1 The table below compares the cases in quarter 2 for 2017 and 2018. A significant increase

can be found in the treatment of wasp nests and mice, and in addition the treatment of bedbugs brought in a significant amount under the revised charges of £600.

Pest Type	Q2 Cases 2017 (1/7/17 to 30/9/17)	Q2 Cases 2018 (1/7/18 to 30/9/18)
Rats	25	30
Mice	4	18
Fleas	6	2
Cockroaches	0	0
Wasps	53	150
Bedbugs	0	3
Squirrels	5	3

4.1.2 The Pest Control Service, in addition to the domestic service(s) undertaken in the Borough, has entered into three commercial contracts (i.e. one catering premise, one residential home and a hostel) and continues to quote for additional works on request.

4.1.3 Pest Control is also undertaken in the Blaby District Council (BDC) area and the 'Stronger Together Pest Control' is delivering a sewer treatment for BDC for Severn Trent Water. The roll-out of the 'Stronger Together Pest Control' across Blaby into domestic properties has resulted in four domestic treatments, including a bed bug infestation.

4.2 **Forecast**

The 'Stronger Together Pest Control Service' continues to be promoted and advertised across the Borough in Letterbox and on the Council's Website to residents, businesses and further afield into BDC. One comment from a Blaby resident who sought treatment after searching the web said *"I wanted to go to a Council as I know I could trust them and knew I wouldn't be cheated"*. A full financial appraisal will be presented to the next meeting of the Service Delivery Committee scheduled for 20 November 2018.

5. **Fly-Tipping and Littering**

5.1 Enforcement of fly-tipping cases is undergoing a positive transformation with the acquisition of portable 'wild-life cameras' to assist in crime detection and, to some extent, prevention.

5.2 During this last quarter there have been 18 reports of fly tipping and following investigation by Officers no formal action was taken. There were 7 littering cases and 2 Fixed Penalty Notices issued in response to this.

6. **Food Hygiene Inspections**

6.1 The acquisition of additional resources to tackle the back-log of inspections has been identified and sourced to ensure that we are compliant with Food Standard Agency expectations by March 2019. Performance against projected outturns are regularly reviewed and adjusted to ensure the timely completion of the current inspection programme.

6.2 To date, 72 inspections have been completed in Q1 and Q2 and a further 73 will be completed by December 2018, keeping us well on course to achieving our given target.

- 6.3 The results are annotated below and can also be found on the Council's website and a full list of premises within Oadby and Wigston Borough Council and their Food Hygiene Ratings (FHR) can be found on the [Food Standard Agency's webpage](#).
- 6.4 To date, total food premises in the FHR Scheme is 322.

FHR	No. of Businesses attaining Score
5	257
4	39
3	20
2	2
1	2
0	2