



Licensing and Regulatory Committee	Thursday, 05 March 2020	Matter for Information
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Report Title: **Environmental Health Update (Q2 & Q3 2019/2020)**

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Purpose of Report:	To update the Committee on the work undertaken by the Environmental Health Section during quarter 2 and quarter 3 of 2019/2020.
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 Committee.
Recommendation(s):	That the contents of the report and the appendix be noted.
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Corporate Objectives:	Providing Excellent Services (CO3)
Vision and Values:	Accountability (V1) Teamwork (V3) Customer Focus (V5)
Report Implications:-	
Legal:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Financial:	There are no implications directly arising from this report.
Corporate Risk Management:	Decreasing Financial Resources / Increasing Financial Pressures (CR1) Reputation Damage (CR4) Effective Utilisation of Assets / Buildings (CR5) Regulatory Governance (CR6) 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:	1. College Garth Patrols (Q2 & Q3 2019/20)

1. Environmental Health Staffing

- 1.1 There continues to be pressure on the department which are being met through the use of other Local Authorities support to carry out inspection and visits, allowing the team to maintain the incoming workload and meet customer standards.

2. Dog Kennelling and Dog Warden Service

- 2.1 The Council's dog kennelling and dog warden service is provided by College Garth Kennels who undertake proactive patrols of parks and controlled spaces under the Council's Public Space Protection Order and areas identified by CSC. Stencilling of areas is also now being undertaken and the results of the inspections are referred to Environmental Health and CSC for further action as required. The Clean and Green team attend to the issues received by the reports and are then followed up by the next inspection by the dog warden patrol. A copy of these reports is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 2.2 College Garth Kennels are also being used in the gathering of evidence with regards to dog on dog attacks, educating individuals and forward evidence of any criminal behaviour gathered to Environmental Health to put cases together for pursuing through the courts.
- 2.3 There have been 8 dogs collected which were kennelled for a total of 13 days in Quarter 2 and 8 dogs collected which were kennelled for a total of 13 days in Quarter 3. All dogs were returned to their owners having paid the required fines and fees.

3. Abandoned Vehicles

- 3.1 The Council has received 36 notifications of abandoned vehicles (Q2 22 & Q3 14). Following investigation by Officers, involving contacting registered keepers and informal notices placed on vehicles, of the 36 vehicles reported, 8 were Parked on private land with the owners permission 4 had been removed before officer investigated 18 were Taxed and Tested and parked on the Highway, 3 vehicles were further referred to the DVLA for being untaxed, and advice was given to the owners. Only 2 vehicles were formally removed as abandoned vehicles.

4. Pest Control

- 4.1 The Pest Control service is the subject of a separate exempt report to this committee.

5. Fly-Tipping and Littering

5.1 During Q2 & Q3, there were 14 reports of-fly-tipping and following investigation only one was actionable by Officers as evidence was located in the waste of the perpetrator 9 of the reports related to the storage of items on private land and was not classed as fly tipping.

6. Food Hygiene Inspections

6.1 80 inspections were due in Q2 & Q3 plus 8 carried forward from Q1; 93 were carried out, leaving 5 to carry forward into Q4.

6.2 There were 25 new food registrations in Q & Q3: 12 have been inspected, 4 didn't open for trading, 9 have been carried into Q4.

6.3 The ratings of the food establishments are summarised below 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, the total number of food premises in the Food Hygiene Rating Score (FHRS) Scheme is 321. This number fluctuates due to closures and new businesses. Listed below in the table are the current FHRS scores.

6.5 Those with a Food Hygiene Rating Score of three or above are broadly compliant which is current at 92%. The remaining 15 premises are receiving increased visits from Environmental Health Officers.

Of the 4 premises which are a current 0 score , the food business operator of one of the businesses has accepted a Formal Caution having brought the premises up to a satisfactory standard, and continues to be monitored. One prosecution is in the process of being prepared for court and 7 Improvement Notices have been served. The time limit for compliance has not yet expired and the premises continue to be monitored.

FHR	No. of Businesses attaining Score
5	247
4	37
3	22
2	4
1	7
0	4

6.6 The Food Hygiene scores on a monthly basis are now being sent out on Social Media to publicise the work of the team and publicise the scores obtained.

7. Selective Licensing

7.1 At an extraordinary meeting of Full Council on 4 February 2020, Members adopted a Selective Licensing Scheme for the South Wigston Ward. The Selective Licensing Team is now working through the statutory notification process before the Scheme goes live on 5 May 2020. Further updates will be provided at future meetings of this Committee.