

4 March 2021**Agenda Item:10****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PLACE AND COMMUNITIES****UPDATE ON KEY TRADING STANDARDS AND COMMUNITIES MATTERS****Purpose of the Report**

1. To update the Committee on key Trading Standards and Communities matters, including the role the Service continues to play in the County Council's response to the Covid-19 emergency.
2. To seek approval for the continuation of temporary agency CONTAIN Programme Manager and Programme Support Officer roles.
3. To seek approval for the Pricing Structure and the Food and Feed Enforcement Plan for 2021-22.

Information**TRADING STANDARDS**

4. **The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) Regulations 2020 and The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 3) and (All Tiers) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021.**
5. The first set of Regulations came into force on 2nd December 2020 and were then amended, bringing the second set of Regulations into force on 6th January, with "Lockdown 3". This third lockdown has allowed certain businesses to offer a "click and collect" service only and the hospitality industry has had to close, in terms of sales of alcohol on and off the premises.
6. Officers have been advising businesses about their closure restrictions and if necessary have been making on site visits to advise. Work has been undertaken with partners, such as Nottinghamshire Police and Environmental Health Services to ensure that enforcement is consistent across the County.
7. Results of enforcement actions and enquiries are still being fed back to the Office of Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) for forwarding to the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and the Cabinet Office.
8. No current directions are in place, forcing a business to close if it was allowed to remain open or if it was not following current legislation in relation to safe working practices.

9. Police were called to disperse a gathering on Christmas Eve in relation to drinking on Central Avenue, West Bridgford. This was not in relation to Zinc Bar, which had been the subject of a previous direction under Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) legislation.
10. Also on 2nd and 3rd January allegations of drinking in the same street were made but when an EHO checked the bars, no bars were open. The bars were informed about the new lockdown restrictions coming into force in early January and since this time, bars have been closed in relation to the sale of alcohol.
11. Zinc bar was deemed to be compliant with the Covid restrictions before it shut in early January and complaints against the premises are being monitored by the Police and Environmental Health.
12. **Covid-19: animals** – a question was raised at the January committee about the transmission of Covid-19 by mink and other animals. According to an article by the BBC on 9th November 2020, it would seem, that although mink kept in large numbers on mink farms in Denmark have caught the virus from infected workers, in a small number of cases, the virus has then “spilled back” from mink to humans, picking up genetic changes on the way. This has led to concerns that the present vaccine being offered to humans may not work as well as it should do.
13. The gov.uk website states: *Animals with coronavirus. It is rare for an animal to contract coronavirus and they many show only mild clinical signs and recover within a few days. Limited evidence available at present suggests that coronavirus:*
 - *may pass from infected humans to certain pets such as dogs, cats and ferrets following close contact*
 - *does not easily pass between cats or most other pets, but this cannot be ruled out*
 - *may pass between ferrets and humans based on the evidence from mink infections*
14. Link to the Government website: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-for-people-with-animals>
15. **Covid-19 scams prevention work** – a number of methods have been employed over recent months to convey targeted Covid-19 scams prevention messages:
 - Leaflets delivered across the county to residents receiving meals from County Enterprise Foods.
 - Neighbourhood Alert messages.
 - The NCC home page has been updated, to include a specific webpage with prevention advice in relation to Covid-19 scams.
 - We have shared information on the National Trading Standards Business Against Scams, which was launched in response to Covid-19 and have continued to encourage residents to become a Friend Against Scams.
 - On the Nottinghamshire Coronavirus Community Support Hub webpage, information has been provided to residents on using volunteer’s safely, this also includes prevention advice on keeping themselves safe from scams and doorstep crime.
 - Within the training pack that has been sent out to individuals and groups that have volunteered with the Hub, information is provided within the training pack on the prevention of scams and doorstep crime in order to increase awareness.

- A letter was sent to all residents in Nottinghamshire who were shielding, informing them of the support that was available to them through the Nottinghamshire Coronavirus Community Support Hub. The letter also contained advice on scams and doorstep crime, particularly in relation to Covid-19.
- A partnership media campaign has recently taken place; this covered phone scams, but also provided advice on the prevention of Covid-19 scams.
- Officers are currently working with the NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG on a communication plan of publishing information around the vaccine scams that have been circulating nationally.
- Officers are currently developing a SharePoint page that will host prevention advice on scams, including Covid-19 scams that can be referred to by other members of staff across the County Council, particularly aimed at those working with vulnerable adults.

16. **Nottinghamshire CONTAIN Programme Manager and Programme Support Officers – .**
A report went to the 11th January 2021 Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee to obtain formal approval for the £6.6m Nottinghamshire Contain Outbreak Management Fund .

17. One aspect of the funding programme relates to increasing Covid-19 enforcement capacity and consistency across the county. This includes funding for the temporary appointment of:

- Programme Manager to oversee the development of a co-ordinated “Contain” enforcement approach across the Local Resilience Forum
- Up to three Programme Support Officers to work with the Programme Manager across each community safety partnership area as required.

18. It was agreed these would be County Council led appointments embedded in the Community Safety Partnerships. The Programme Manager will report to the Group Manager Trading Standards and Communities.

19. Managers acted swiftly to appoint the Programme Manager, via Reed Talent Solutions, and they were in post from 11th January 2021. Recruitment processes for the Programme Officer roles are ongoing. This report seeks approval to extend the temporary agency contracts beyond the initial 3 months period as necessary within the confines of the allocated £200k funding for the roles.

20. The CONTAIN fund also makes provision for £200k funding to support County Council staff and network costs to work with District and Borough Council colleagues to support the delivery of a programme of proactive and reactive telephone and physical visits to target business premises to assess and secure Covid-19 compliance. £50k of this funding will be used to fund Trading Standards Officer capacity to undertake this work so that key Trading Standards statutory duties are also maintained.

21. **Market Surveillance: Face coverings and hand sanitiser –** Stage 3 of the Service’s market surveillance project took place in December with officers visiting smaller high streets in all of the districts. A total of 64 visits were made with 330 products seized and over 3,600 items removed from sale. Officers identified the following non-compliance issues:

1. Misleading claims on the packaging that they were protective but had no details of the relevant standard to support the claim
2. Hand sanitisers with child appealing packaging
3. No EU address present on the labelling of hand sanitisers or face coverings.

22. National chain stores have been identified during this phase of the project and the issues have been brought up with the Primary Authority/Home Authority for the store. The issues with the child appealing hand sanitisers on sale have been referred to the Office of Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) for their comments as to whether they breach current legislation.
23. **Pricing Structure for Services for 2021-22** – the Service provides a range of paid for services to businesses, other local authorities and government agencies and the Authority has the discretion to set charges for these services.
24. At the 10 January 2017 Community Safety Committee approval was given to adopt a flexible and market based charging approach to act in a more commercial and flexible manner. The committee approved moving away from an hourly charge model to a more customer focused pricing structure. The approval allowed product specific flexible pricing and the scope to make attractive price offers to businesses based on relevant market conditions. Given its continuing success it is proposed that the same model as last year is used for all fees and charges from 1 April 2021 applying the following principles:
- The maximum average hourly charge should never exceed the Full Cost Recovery rate.
 - Pricing models can include, but are not restricted to: hourly rate; day rate; project cost or specific activity cost.
 - Charges for one-off projects for other external enforcement bodies should continue to be agreed by the Group Manager Trading Standards & Communities on a case by case basis.
 - Any fee agreed should not be below a rate equivalent to full cost recovery of the direct staff time spent delivering the activity.
25. **Support to Businesses** – The Commercial Services team continues to provide support to Primary Authority businesses to meet the continually evolving challenges that Covid-19 brings to the trading environment. The team is also providing advice and support to businesses in relation to legislative changes resulting from the impact of the EU Exit.
26. **Income Update** – Trading Standards has an income generation target of £729k for 2020/21. At the time of writing the current cumulative level of income is £405k. During this financial year to date the Service's commercial services activities have been heavily impacted by the impact of Covid-19 and lockdown on the UK business sector. As a result, at the time of writing, the Service is currently forecasting a year end income achievement of £562K against the £729k target. This latest forecast is however greatly improved from forecasts earlier in the financial year when the predicted shortfall in income against the £729k target exceeded £300k. Managers continue to explore all opportunities to secure additional external funding to support the work done by the Service.
27. **Preventing Fraud Against The Vulnerable** – Officers assisted an elderly Gedling resident, who appeared to have been the victim of a catalogue scam. Officers worked with partner agencies to secure a refund of all the money that had been taken from their account and provided advice to protect the resident against future incidents.
28. Assistance was provided to a resident who had lost thousands of pounds to a telephone scam. Support was provided to enable the resident to receive a full refund via their bank's complaint process and advice given regarding steps to take to avoid falling victim to future scams.
29. On 22nd January 2021 Officers from both Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City are hosting a partnership scams awareness session for TuVida, a charity that provides support for both

carers and adults that are receiving care. This will cover general scam awareness, as well as Covid-19 specific scams.

30. **Environmental Weight Restrictions (EWRs)** – Work continues to enforce the County’s EWRs, on behalf of Highways colleagues, to tackle the problems caused by heavy goods vehicles using inappropriate routes in the county. Forty operations have taken place so far and 518 Community Lorry Watch reports have been processed since 1st April 2020.
31. **Controlling Animal Disease – Avian Influenza** – The United Kingdom is currently under new housing measures, which came into force on 14 December 2020, which mean that is now a legal requirement for all bird keepers to keep their birds indoors and to follow strict biosecurity measures in order to limit the spread of and eradicate avian influenza. This is to ensure that wild birds do not mix with birds that are held in domestic/commercial premises.
32. Public health advice is that the risk to human health from the virus is very low and food standards bodies advise that avian influenzas pose a very low food safety risk for UK consumers, and it does not affect the consumption of poultry products including eggs.
33. Officers have been notified of 5 separate occurrences where birds have been reported to be outside, roaming freely in the last month. They have advised the owners of the birds of their obligations and in 1 instance, visited the site on several occasions to observe whether the reports were true. The owner of these birds has been given a written warning.
34. **Illegal Landings – Rabies Control** – Officers have dealt with another report of a dog not having the correct injections in relation to rabies and subsequently the puppy has been taken into quarantine.
35. Further to the January Committee report, an interview has been given to the Nottingham Evening Post about the issue of illegal landings within Nottinghamshire with a warning given to consumers to buy their puppies from legitimate breeders.
36. **Food & Feed Law Enforcement Service Plan 2021-22** – Section 6 of the Food Safety Act 1990, and section 76 of the Agriculture Act, places a duty on the Authority to enforce certain provisions of those Acts regarding food for human consumption and feeding stuffs for animals.
37. The Food Standards Agency (FSA) is the central competent authority for overseeing official feed and food controls. It works closely with authorities to set and monitor standards, coordinate activity, and audit authorities’ delivery of official controls, in order to ensure enforcement is effective, risk based, proportionate and consistent.
38. The Service delivers food and animal feed standards work, which includes labelling and quality controls. Responsibility for food hygiene controls (for human food) falls to the District Council’s Environmental Health Services.
39. The FSA requires the completion of annual Service Plans and sees them as an important tool to ensure that national priorities and standards are delivered. It requires the Authority’s key decision makers to be fully engaged in official food and feed controls work, and as such, the proposed plan for 2021-22 is attached as Appendix 1 for the Committee to consider and approve

40. **Regional Investigations Team (East Midlands)** – The financial investigation concerning four individuals who were convicted in 2019 for fraud offences has now been successfully concluded.
41. The criminals were involved in a large-scale fraudulent enterprise which conned small businesses into believing that they could recover overpayments and VAT from energy suppliers. Advance fees were paid out, often between £300 and £400, by victims in the hope of recouping lost money. But the overpayments never actually existed.
42. On 21st December 2020 the proceeds of crime hearing under the Proceeds of Crime Act was concluded with the convicted receiving orders for the following amounts:
- Steven Ricardo - £315,949
 - Ian McHugh - £75,070
 - David Wilkinson- £8,122
 - Max Bancroft - £56,923
43. As a result of the orders £40,449.35 will be paid as compensation to the victims in the case.
44. **Investigations & Legal Update - Doorstep Crime** – A builder was due to go to trial in June 2020 charged with fraud offences for making false representations to customers about building work he was carrying out on their properties. He appeared in Crown Court in November 2018 and pleaded not guilty to 8 counts and since this date further offences have come to our attention and the court dates moved to accommodate this. With the current situation this trial has been moved until June 2021.
45. Another builder appeared in the Nottingham Crown court for an initial hearing on the 1 December 2020, charged with making false representations, carrying out poor quality work and undertaking work that was not necessary. He has pleaded not guilty to the charges a trial date has been set for the 28th June 2021.
46. **Animal Health** – a man has been charged with the illegal landing of a puppy. He was due to appear in the magistrate's court on the 18th January 2019, failed to attend, and an arrest warrant has been issued, this is still outstanding. He is charged with offences under the Rabies Act and fraud.
47. A Lincolnshire farmer has been charged with theft of sheep, animal by product breaches, and failure to maintain records of animal movements. He has pleaded not guilty to the offences. Further offences have now come to light. The 2 cases have been joined together and he is due for trial in June 2021.
48. **Illicit Tobacco** – There are 4 illicit cigarettes cases pending in the Crown Court. Since the last report two have now pleaded guilty and are awaiting sentencing. The other two are listed for trial in 2021. The cases involve 3 different retail shops, Kubus at Worksop, Kubus at Mansfield and Supernews at Stapleford. The fourth is a home seller, trading from an address in Mansfield

COMMUNITIES

49. **The Nottinghamshire COVID-19 Community Fund** – The fund launched on 31 March 2020, to provide emergency financial support for projects helping the most vulnerable residents affected by the pandemic. The Fund closed on the 17 September 2020. In the light of the

re-imposition of the national lockdown, on 5th November, the Committee approved the re-opening of the Fund until 01 January 2021.

50. On 04 January 2021, the UK Government announced another national lockdown; in response to this, on 05 January 2021, the Committee approved the re-opening of the fund until 31st March 2021 to provide local groups with renewed access to additional funding in anticipation of continued resident demand for additional help and support arising from the national lockdown.
51. A list of projects awarded funding and examples of how the funding has helped is available on the COVID-19 Community Fund webpage: <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/business-community/community-and-voluntary-sector/supporting-voluntary-sector/covid-19-community-fund>
52. The budget for the COVID-19 Community Fund is £1m which has played a key part of the Council's response to the pandemic. At the time of writing this report, **303** awards totalling **£833,607** had been made and work to assess applications and award the funding continues.
53. Monitoring for projects awarded COVID-19 Community funding up until 31 December 2020 is in progress. Projects awarded funding as from 01 January 2021 will be asked to complete a monitoring report as from April 2021.
54. **The Local Authority Emergency Assistance Fund for Food and Essential Supplies** – In July 2020, the Government allocated a £858k grant from the £63m Local Authority Emergency Assistance Fund to Nottinghamshire County Council. The Emergency Assistance Fund builds on the COVID-19 Community Fund and aims to support Nottinghamshire residents who are struggling to afford food and other essentials due to the impact of COVID-19.
55. Officers are working closely with partners, including District Councils, to ensure that the funding is used in ways that best support local communities and to reduce the risk of duplication and over-dependency.
56. At the time of writing this report, **65** awards to voluntary/community organisations and District/Borough Council partners had been made, totalling **£567,659**. Further work to assess funding applications and distribute funding continues.
57. A monitoring survey was sent out in January 2021, to groups awarded Emergency Assistance funding up until December 2020. Groups awarded funding as from January 2021, will be asked to complete their monitoring as from April 2021.
58. An Internal Audit Review was carried out for the COVID-19 Community Fund and The Local Authority Emergency Assistance Fund. Both Funds were reported as providing 'substantial assurance'.
59. **The Local Improvement Scheme 2018-21 (Capital and Revenue Projects)** – Since the start of the Local Improvement Scheme 2018-21, the Communities and Place Committee have approved 299 capital projects and 126 revenue projects, totalling of 425 projects.
60. As a result of the pandemic, a number of groups have adapted their project so that the overall aims can be achieved whilst adhering to the restrictions. Worksop Priory Gatehouse is one such example in that prior to the COVID-19 restrictions, the original project plan was to install an interpretation scheme on the upper floors of the Worksop Priory Gatehouse to share the

history of the gatehouse and its connection to the Pilgrim Fathers in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's voyage to America.

61. Work was undertaken to research and develop the project and the original plans included the production of large-scale interpretation panel, which would also include a central area where digital content, including films and animations, could be projected onto for audiences to view.
62. Due to ongoing social distancing restrictions, it is unlikely that the project can be installed within the gatehouse building itself. Therefore, Worksop Priory Gatehouse are using the content that was already developed to increase the use of film and animation in order to achieve the overall project aim.
63. An added benefit to adapting the approach is that the content can be shared across digital platforms, with the potential for a showing / screening the content on site later if restrictions allow.
64. Worksop Priory Gatehouse now have a stronger social media presence and have hosted two innovative events: an online Medieval Fair and Christmas market, using Facebook as an online platform. Both events achieved significant reach and the content for these events includes newly created videos that incorporate elements of the Pilgrim Fathers story.
65. The Communities Team continue to review and support Local Improvement Scheme projects. Revenue-funded projects will be asked to complete a final monitoring report as from July 2021 and Capital projects are required to submit invoices and a photo / video of the complete asset in situ.
66. Communications and Marketing continue to work with funded groups to publicise how the projects are benefiting Nottinghamshire communities.
67. **The Local Improvement Scheme 2018-19 (Talented Athletes Fund)** – The Talented Athletes Fund has an annual budget of £21,000 and is part of the wider Local Improvement Scheme 2018-21.
68. The Fund helps with costs such as training / coaching, competition fees and equipment and awards are made to eligible athletes residing in Nottinghamshire who demonstrate an exceptionally high level of sporting achievements and positive contributions to the wider community. Applications must also be supported by the athletes National Governing Body (NGB).
69. From 2018 to 2021 the Communities and Place Committee have awarded a total of 275 grants totalling £63,000 for the 2018-19 and the 2019-20 Talented Athlete rounds.
70. **Safer Streets Fund, Newark** – In November this Committee was informed about the Safer Street Funding for Newark. This is £550k Home Office funding that was awarded, through the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner, for preventative work in two areas of Newark to tackle crimes such as burglary and bike theft.
71. The local Safer Streets programme is managing the challenges presented by the Covid restrictions well and delivering interventions in the target areas of Chatham Court and Northgate, such as improved street lighting delivered by Via, bike marking and CCTV.

72. The Communities Team are leading the community capacity building and engagement strand which would traditionally be delivered through mainly face to face methods but has now been moved online. This includes providing Community Organising training for residents in the target areas and helping to set up more Neighbourhood Watch groups.
73. **Safer Nottinghamshire Board** – The Safer Nottinghamshire Board continues to bring together Chief Officers from across the partnership landscape to enable a Countywide focus on crime and community safety. As well as providing a platform for Covid specific community safety issues to be discussed the Board has in recent months taken steps to further improve its effectiveness. A key aim has been ensuring that the right information is available at all levels of the partnership to inform decisions, drive actions and enable strategic intent to be tracked through to operational delivery.
74. Central to these efforts is the work with Community Safety Partnerships to support a focus on local needs, whilst also ensuring that the strategic countywide priorities are earthed in the neighbourhoods where they are most prevalent.
75. In December 2021 the Board added to its existing priorities, which include Domestic Abuse, Modern Slavery, Reducing Reoffending and Serious Acquisitive Crime with a Preventable Deaths focus. This includes work to reduce road traffic collisions.
76. **Community Friendly Nottinghamshire (CFN)** – work continues to connect with residents and stakeholders across the county, empowering, training and inspiring resident-led community activity. This work includes being a central point of contact for the Coronavirus Community Support Hub.
77. Working with colleagues in Trading Standards and Public Health, officers have helped link local people with new volunteering opportunities and supported residents to act on the ideas they have for improving their neighbourhoods. Some examples of this work include recruiting volunteers to drop off and collect home Covid testing kits to people who can't access any other testing services and working with the Red Cross to deliver an information session to volunteers about Covid AH test kit drop off and collection. Further information sessions and support will be offered in future.
78. Networks have been mobilised to encourage volunteers to support the NHS vaccination programme and local Foodbanks. Plans are also developing to recruit a countywide network of volunteer 'walkers', which hopefully will evolve into a network of walking groups.
79. Continued engagement with Community Support Hub volunteers has resulted in several project ideas led by the volunteers, including the development of new resident-led walk & talk groups in collaboration with local Link Workers supporting the social prescribing pathway. Many of these ideas have led to new community activities, which will help reduce loneliness, improve physical and mental health and help our most vulnerable residents across the county to feel supported and connected..
80. The CFN approach has also involved delivering Dementia Friends information sessions, via live-streaming using online platforms, supporting the Council's Dementia Action Plan and working to make the organisation more 'Dementia Friendly'. To date 192 County Council employees have become Dementia Friends. More sessions are available on the Learning Portal and next month there will be an additional two new Dementia Champions within the Authority's workforce .

81. Through the CFN work, officers have continued to engage with residents and group leaders who there was contact with prior to the Covid-19 pandemic. A new live streaming programme of Community Organising training and networking events have been developed and launched. These act as preparation for those wishing to lead a community project post Covid-19. CFN have also set up three 'Resident-led Activity, The Essentials of Community Organising' workshops.
82. The team have developed a further workshop entitled 'Turning Ideas into Action' which is taking place on 23rd March 2021 and two new networking events, the first of which already has 47 people (out of 50 places) registered to attend. This highlights a real demand for these types of training sessions and events and a strong passion to build community spirit in Nottinghamshire, which continues to be harnessed and mobilised through CFN.

Other Options Considered

83. **CONTAIN Programme roles** – consideration was given to filling the posts via temporary secondments. However it was decided that that option would be unlikely to attract candidates with the necessary skills and experience required and also wouldn't provide the additional enforcement and co-ordination capacity needed.
84. **Charging approach for 2021-22** – all costing models were appraised as part of developing the commercial plan for the Service as part of the Authority's Commercial Development Unit process. All have been reviewed and appraised during 2020-21.
85. **Food and Feed Plan** – There is no other option, as the plan is a requirement of the Food Standards Agency

Reasons for Recommendations

86. To ensure appropriate political oversight of key Trading Standards and Communities matters.
87. **CONTAIN Programme roles** – the Contain Outbreak Management Fund report that went to Adult Social Care and Public Health committee on 11 January 2021 agreed that these would be temporary posts within the County Council.
88. **Charging approach for 2021-22** – All costing options and models were appraised as part of developing the commercial plan for the Service as part of the Commercial Development Unit process. The proposal passed the scrutiny test of the Chief Executive panel, and was subsequently approved by Policy Committee on 16th November 2016.
89. **Food and Feed Plan 2021-22** – There are no other options. The FSA places a great deal of importance on ensuring that the Authority's key decision makers are fully engaged in official food and feed controls work. As such, the Trading Standards Service proposed plan for 2021-22 is attached as Appendix 1 to this report for the Committee to consider and approve.

Statutory and Policy Implications

90. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

91. This report largely contains no additional financial implications, with activity reported or that proposed being contained within existing service budget.
92. **Charging approach for 2021-22** – All costing models were appraised for the commercial plan developed as part of the Commercial Development Unit process. A flexible, market-based approach is key to achieving the Service's income target.
93. **CONTAIN Programme roles** – the £200k funding for the roles is as outlined in the Contain Outbreak Management Fund report that went to Adult Social Care and Public Health committee on 11 January 2021.
94. **Food and Feed Plan** – the proposed plan requires the investment of approximately £150k into delivery of the plan.

Human Resource Implications

95. Food and Feed Plan – the proposed plan requires the investment of approximately the equivalent to 2.6 FTE of existing resource. This is lower than the Food Standards Agency would ideally like.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee:

- 1) Considers the updates and highlights any actions required.
- 2) Approves the proposed charging approach and principles for 2021-22 and
- 3) Approves the Food & Feed Law Enforcement Service Plan for 2021-22 (Appendix 1).
- 4) Approves the extension of the temporary agency CONTAIN Programme Manager and Programme Support Officer roles as outlined in paragraph 19 of this report.

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Constitutional Comments (AM 18/02.2021)

96. The proposals in this Report are within the remit of the Communities and Place Committee

Financial Comments (SES 26/01/2021)

97. The financial implications are set out in paragraphs 93 to 96 of the report. This report largely contains no additional financial implications, with activity reported or that proposed being contained within existing service budget.

HR Comments (JP 02/02/2021)

98. There are no specific HR implications contained in the body of the report

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All