

Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

5 January 2016



Consumer Protection – Enforcement Activity

Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Members of the Committee with background information in advance of a presentation by Owen Cleugh, Consumer Protection Manager on enforcement activity undertaken by the Consumer Protection Team.

Background

2. At its meeting in June 2015, the Committee agreed its work programme to include a presentation on enforcement activity by the Council's Consumer Protection Team. Information within this presentation will build upon the report and presentation on '*Progress of Initiatives and Enforcement Activity undertaken by the Consumer Protection Team*' to the Committee's meeting in February 2015.
3. The Consumer Protection team is made up of three service teams, Fair Trading, Safety and Metrology, which makes up what are commonly known as the Trading Standards functions, and Licensing, which can be separated by enforcement and administration. The comprehensive presentation illustrated activity undertaken by the team in partnership with a number of agencies in relation to reducing door step crime, rogue traders, licensing and supply of illicit, counterfeit and age restricted products. The presentation also provided Members with awareness to how the Team's work contributes to tackling organised crime.
4. Owen Cleugh, Consumer Protection Manager will be in attendance at the Committee's meeting to provide Members with an update of activity undertaken by the Consumer Protection Team and respond to questions from the Committee.

Recommendation

5. Members of the Committee are asked to note information contained within the report and presentation and comment accordingly.

Background Papers

None

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – None

Staffing – None

Risk - None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – None

Accommodation - None

Crime and Disorder –The report and presentation includes information relating to objectives within the Altogether Safer element of the Council Plan.

Human Rights – None

Consultation – None

Procurement – None

Disability Issues – None

Legal Implications – None