



# Changes to the Environmental Health, Trading Standards and Licensing Service 2017-2020

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# Context

- Historical savings – 2010-2017 £1.1million
- Current target 2017-2020 - £500,000 (25%)
- Full Service review necessary
- Phase 1 - £400,000
- Phase 2 - £100,000

# Approach

- Re-engineering processes
- Demand Reduction
- Improving resilience
- Income Generation

# Focus

- Fundamental Review
  - Environmental Health
  - Trading Standards
- Efficiency Savings
  - Local Licensing
  - Taxi Licensing

# Environmental Health

Shift from subject to setting in conjunction with demand reduction

## **Subject**

Pollution Control

Public Health

Food Safety/Standards

Health & Safety at Work

## **Setting**

Domestic

Commercial

# Statutory Nuisance

Reduce demand for domestic and commercial

- Introduction of thresholds
- Development of self help guides
- Training of Contact Centre staff
- Streamlining of processes

# Environmental Health & Trading Standards

Examples of demand reduction for the service

- Threshold for planning consultation
- Proactive health and safety at work
- Food sampling
- Consumer advice
- Buy with Confidence scheme



# Income Generation

- Pest Control
- Food Hygiene advisory visits
- Dog Warden

# Advantages

- Improved service resilience
- Resource released to respond to complex technical issues
- Community resilience

# Impacts

- Reduced Public Health protection
  - Thresholds statutory nuisance
  - Thresholds planning consultations
  - Proactive health & safety at work
  - Proactive food safety
- Response times lengthen

# Summary & Next Steps

- Phase 1 - £400,000 savings
  - Reduction in establishment of 9 FTE
  - New income generation £38,000
  - Consumables savings £20,000
- Phase 2 - £100,000 savings (year 2/3)
  - Further management review.