

Management response

Local Authority: Monmouthshire County Council
Report title: Environmental Health follow-up review

Issue date: December 2019

Proposals for improvement

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P1	The Council should undertake a fresh analysis of statutory and non-statutory service obligations to support and inform any future service changes.	Any future service changes are informed by an analysis of both statutory and non-statutory environmental health services that enables decision makers to understand the benefits of non-statutory services and how they contribute to Council priorities.	Yes	Yes	We strive to balance our statutory duties with important non-statutory work streams that we consider provide valuable services to our residents. We will continue to analyse our statutory and non-statutory obligations as part of our service planning. We can provide clarity on statutory/non-statutory services in our Annual report to members.	May 2020	Head of Public Protection

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P2	In order to develop a prosperous and future-proof environmental health service the Council should consider the following: • Balancing statutory duties with non-statutory services and discretionary income generation. • Aligning its income generation activities with the Council's overall Commercial Strategy and considering how the service might benefit. • Working in more formal partnerships with other authorities to deliver services. • Exploring how transformation and technology could improve efficiency and effectiveness.	Inform strategic planning of a sustainable environmental health service	Yes	Yes	We strive to balance our statutory duties with important non-statutory work streams that we consider provide valuable services to our residents. We will continue to analyse our statutory and non-statutory obligations as part of our service planning. Environmental health continues to be innovative in income generation and has a commercial culture that aligns to the focus of the commercial strategy and this will continue to be considered as the commercial activity progresses. The Environmental Health team are already involved in numerous working groups with other organisations and always work in partnership where required. The Environmental	December 2020	Head of Public Protection and Principal Environment al Health Officers.

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					Health team will consider any more formal partnership opportunities.		
					Following the success of a number of new technological advances, e.g. the Noise App used to reduce officer time spent on noise nuisance interventions and a new document management system to save time, the Environmental Health service will continue to seek new opportunities to utilise technology further.		