

Report to Safer, Cleaner, Greener Scrutiny Standing Panel

Date of meeting: 23rd June 2009

**Subject: Environment and Street Scene Directorate
Enforcement Policy**

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Recommendation:

That Members endorse the updated version of the Environment and Street Scene Directorate Enforcement Policy (attached).

Report:

1. As part of the Council's commitment to providing a fair and equitable enforcement foundation, an enforcement policy for environmental health had been developed.
2. The policy was written in accordance with the Government's Enforcement Concordat, published by the Cabinet Office in 1998 and adopted by this Council.
3. The policy is based on the principles that those in receipt of Council services should:
 - receive clear explanations from enforcers of what they need to do and by when;
 - have opportunities to resolve differences before enforcement action is taken - unless immediate action is needed; and
 - receive an explanation of their rights of appeal in the event of enforcement action being taken.
4. Since the publication of our enforcement policy the Government has published the Hampton Review - Reducing Administrative Burdens: Effective Inspection and Enforcement in March 2005 and the Rogers Review of national enforcement priorities for local authority regulatory services – March 2007.
5. As a consequence we have taken the opportunity of updating our policy to reflect those reviews, minor legislative amendments and the Council's restructure.