

Allerdale Borough Council

Executive – 25 November 2020

Report from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Portfolio holder	Councillor Jim Lister Portfolio Holder for Finance and Legal
Report from	Councillor Michael Heaslip and Councillor Iain Greaney Co-chairs of Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Wards affected	All
Is this a key decision	No

1.0 The reason for the decision

- 1.1 At its meeting on 16 October 2020 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to submit the attached report to the Executive.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Executive ensures the environmental health services provided by the Council are adequately resourced to ensure future resilience in addressing any public or environmental health issues affecting the borough.

3.0 Background and Introduction

- 3.1 In August 2020 the Committee agreed to set up a task and finish group to address the effects of the pandemic upon the Council, its services and the community. The attached report is the first output from this group.

4.0 Content

- 4.1 The Task and Finish Group heard from officers about the arrangements in the county for contacting both businesses and individuals identified through the test, track and trace arrangements.

4.2 The Group and subsequently the Committee were impressed with both the processes involved and the commitment shown in carry out the duties, many over and above regular commitments.

4.3 The Committee is making this recommendation in recognition of the Council's role in environmental health provision and protection. The recommendation is made in recognition of the need for this provision to be adequately resourced to ensure the service is delivered to the highest standard for the benefit of our communities.

5.0 Delivery arrangements

5.1 Not applicable to this report.

6.0 Implications and Impact

6.1 Contribution to Council Strategy Priorities, Outputs and Outcomes

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee believes Council responses to the effects and outcomes from the pandemic will impact upon the Council's future strategy; and the Committee recognises the important contribution of the environmental health team's work in supporting the current Council Strategy while addressing the pandemic.

6.2 Finance/Resource implications

None from this report.

6.3 Legal and governance implications

None from this report.

6.4 Risk analysis

Not applicable.

6.5 Increasing satisfaction and service

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee recognises the important contribution which environmental health services make to the Council's service satisfaction.

6.6 Equality impacts

Not applicable.

6.7 Health and Safety impacts

Not applicable.

6.8 Health, wellbeing and community safety impacts

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee recognises the valuable role and positive impact arising from the work of the team in addressing the pandemic.

6.9 Environmental/sustainability impacts

None from this report.

6.10 Other significant implications

None from this report.

Appendices attached to this report

Appendix number	Title of appendix
1	Report of the pandemic response task and finish group No. 1

Background documents available

Name of background document	Where it is available

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