

<b>Report on</b>	To provide an update to Elected Members on the EH business plan at the 6 months stage
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
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<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to advise elected members of the work that has been undertaken by the EH Dept during the first 6 months of the current Business plan.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	The annual business plan sets out the overall purpose and scope of the service and details the work plan and associated targets.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	Targets have been set across all core function areas within the EH service. COVID-19 has had an impact on the service and previous committee papers have provided statistical information and the implications of additional responsibilities given to the EH Department.
3.2	At the 6-month stage, the service continues to be delivered with some exceptions. There has been some temporary re-allocation of work duties amongst the EH staff to try to ensure that resource is available for the reactive Public Health work across core areas. Unfortunately there are EHO positions within the EH department that currently are vacant and this is impacting on target achievement and some work has had to be put on hold until replacement resource is agreed and put in place. There have been some delays in legal actions being progressed. Moving forward anonymous complaints will be given lower priority and complaints closed more promptly in the event of non-receipt of requested information. The EH related work is referenced below.
3.3	<p><b>Food Control and Consumer Protection</b></p> <p><b>Main Targets updates</b></p> <p>There has been a significant re-allocation of Food staff mostly into reactive areas of EH. There is some dispensation through the Food standards Agency and the NI Executive for prioritising certain food businesses for food safety and standards. Support and guidance has been given to local businesses who operate Approved premises, those who have changed their business model and new businesses. 304 food Hygiene and 242 food standards interventions were carried out and although the food team have moved at a faster rate than the FSA recovery plan required, there remains 846 outstanding Food Hygiene inspections and 529 outstanding Food standards inspections. There has been additional work carried out on</p>

COVID-19 measures in food outlets. There has been work carried out in relation to EU exit , 77 reports of food poisoning incidents have been actioned, 383 requests for advice ,54 new registrations and 38 food complaints responded to and consumer protection advice and guidance given to 73 businesses.

**Main Work on hold /behind schedule due to covid & resource implications**

- Outstanding inspections as outlined above
- Completion of competency frameworks for staff working in consumer protection and food control
- Butane and tobacco products test purchasing exercises

3.4 **Health and Safety, Public Safety and Licensing**

**Main Targets updates**

There were 557 Covid related requests for advice, 23 reportable accidents investigated, 139 H&S complaints, 589 inspections undertaken, 7 Fireworks applications, and 4 MSER inspections. Licensing applications are generally on track

**Work on hold /behind schedule due to covid & resource implications**

- Annual review of the General safety certificates at Sports clubs
- Match day monitoring visits
- Completion of safety certification for spectator stands
- Outstanding H&S inspections

3.5 **Public Health and Housing/ Health and Wellbeing**

**Main Targets updates**

Public Health and Housing: There have been investigations carried out into 673 Public Health related complaints received, 81 private tenancy related complaints, 8 landlord registration complaints. 34 Fixed penalty notices served for littering, Recreational and private water sampling completed and 58 Live Here local here small grants assessments completed.

Health and Wellbeing: There are a number of programmes that are currently behind their targets but due to a recent recruitment exercise it is anticipated that the Health & well targets will be brought back on track by the end of the financial year as per funding targets

**Work on hold /behind schedule due to covid & resource implications**

- Risk assessments of Private water supplies
- Some HWB targets for funded programmes

3.6 **Environmental Protection, Animal Welfare and Dog Control**

**Main Targets updates**

40 PPC inspections have been carried out,311 noise complaints responded to , 284 NO2 tubes replaced , 141 planning consultations responded to , 3447 dog licensed,177 stray dogs lifted, 63 unwanted dogs lifted, 22 dog on person attacks investigated, 28 dog on animal attacks investigated and 13 dog breeders registered

**Work on hold /behind schedule due to covid & resource implications**

- Responses to planning consultations are not being achieved within the target timeframes and there is approx. 100 currently outstanding.

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: Staff budget
	Human: A number of vacant EHO posts
	Risk Management: N/a
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/a
	Rural Needs Implications: N/a
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Members are asked to note the content of the report regarding the EH work carried out during the first half of the financial year.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	None.