

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 28 June 2017 at County Hall, Matlock

**PRESENT**

Councillor C Hart – Cabinet Member

Also in Attendance – Councillor D Allen.

**48/17** **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 25 April 2017 be received.

**49/17** **TRADING STANDARDS ACTION TO PROTECT LOCAL RESIDENTS FROM DOORSTEP CRIME IN DERBYSHIRE 2016-17**

Activities to tackle Doorstep Crime were classified into three areas; Prevention, Intelligence and Enforcement.

Doorstep criminals target consumers across local authority boundaries, it was therefore important that Intelligence about their activities was logged and shared with other enforcement agencies. Identifying the perpetrators in order to hold them to account was crucial to the successful outcome of any criminal investigation. A total of 130 Intelligence logs were made during 2016-17 compared to 166 in 2015-16 and 98 in 2015-16.

Derbyshire Trading Standards Service (DTSS) assessed all doorstep crime complaints received from the Citizens Advice Consumer Service, Police or other Agencies and would provide a prioritised response. The Division would investigate with a view to taking enforcement action whenever possible. Examples of current investigations were provided in the appendix to the report.

Disruption enforcement was used where there might not be sufficient evidence to support a criminal prosecution. Trading Standards officers might intervene to seek to encourage the trader to provide compensation if the goods or services supplied were not of a satisfactory quality. Examples of interventions on behalf of Derbyshire residents were included in the Project Report produced as an appendix to the report.

During 2016-17, DTSS received 377 complaints about doorstep incidents, an increase of 61 (19%) compared to the previous year. DTSS provided advice on 147 occasions to consumers and successfully intervened in relation to 68 cases and obtained just over £110,000 in redress.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted

**50/17      TRADING STANDARDS ACTION TO TACKLE THE SUPPLY OF ILLICIT TOBACCO IN DERBYSHIRE 2016-17**

Derbyshire Trading Standards Service (DTSS) has, for the past six years, prioritised tackling the supply of illegal tobacco products.

During the year, DTSS carried out 27 visits to shop premises, pubs and clubs and deployed a sniffer dog during 12 of these visits; seizing 50,000 illegal cigarettes and 26kg of Hand Rolled Tobacco. This represented a 'high street' value of £35,000 and a loss to the Exchequer of approximately £23,000. Several prosecutions have been initiated and support has been given to Derbyshire Police and Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) with several large scale prosecutions of Organised Crime Groups. The Division has also successfully engaged with the landlords of a number of the leased properties selling illegal tobacco, resulting in the termination of rental agreements and the eviction of tenants.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**51/17      EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC RESOLVED** to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of the remaining item on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of the kind of information detailed in the following summary of proceedings:-

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING**

1. To receive the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 25 April 2017.

**52/17      EXEMPT MINUTES      **RESOLVED**      that the**  
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