

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 18 June 2019

Decision No: (CAB 19/20 23874)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	PLACE AND TRANSPORT
SUBJECT:	TRADING STANDARDS, PORT HEALTH & PARKING FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS ENFORCEMENT POLICY
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THE DECISION

To consider and approve the proposed Trading Standards, Port Health & Parking Fraud Investigations Enforcement Policy and linked Protocols.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Trading Standards, Port Health & Parking Fraud Investigations Enforcement Policy outlines the council's approach to encouraging compliance with its regulations and policies through enforcement. Encouraging compliance with council policies and regulations enables the council to promote positive outcomes as set out in the City Strategy 2016-2020. In addition, it supports the Southampton City Council Strategy (2016-2020) outcomes:

- People in Southampton live safe, healthy, independent lives
- Southampton is a modern, attractive city where people are proud to live and work.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. One alternative discussed was to have separate enforcement policies for Trading Standards, Port Health & Parking Fraud Investigations. This is inadvisable because having a joint policy that covers all of the areas the legislation is relevant to provides a solid common reference point for Officers when dealing with enforcement issues in these areas. Without a joint policy, there is a risk that principles are inconsistently applied across the different service areas, and having a joint policy ensures that enforcement is carried out consistently in line with the general Enforcement Policy.
2. Another alternative option would be to refer solely to the council's general enforcement policy rather than separate policies. This is strongly inadvisable

because it would not make full use of the powers available to the local authority and would undermine the council's ability to provide effective enforcement. It would also leave the council vulnerable to legal challenge.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 18 June, 2019

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Pat Wood

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*