

REPORT TO: Safer Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 11 September 2018

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources

PORTFOLIO: Community Safety

SUBJECT: Manchester Port Health Authority

WARDS: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To consider the report from the Manchester Port Health Authority detailing the work it carries out in the Borough of Halton.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- 1) the report be noted; and**
- 2) the Board consider the information presented and raise any questions of interest or points of clarification following the presentation.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 A representative from the Port Health Authority will be in attendance at the meeting.

3.2 Manchester Port Health Authority is the local authority for the Manchester Ship Canal and River Weaver including the ports of Eastham, Ellesmere, Manisty, Stanlow, Ince, Weston, Runcorn, Partington, Irlam, and Salford. The Authority, originally Manchester Port Sanitary Authority, was established in 1896 following the designation of the Manchester Ship Canal as a customs port.

The latest Port Health Order amended in 2009 (following the creation of Cheshire West and Chester Council) sets out the area of jurisdiction for the authority.

Today the authority is responsible for a wide range of public health controls including:

- Ship sanitation inspections and certificates
- Food Standards, Food Safety and Water Quality (ships and land)
- Infectious disease control

- Environmental Protection
- Pest control
- Smoke Free Legislation
- Emergency planning
- Import controls for high risk products of non-animal origin

The Authority is managed by Acting Chief Port Health Officer, Andrea Smith, 1 full time Officer (Environmental Health Officers), 1 part time Officer, 1 Office Manager, 1 Relief Officer (Environmental Health Officer/Technical Officer).

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The policy implications of this report relate primarily to the Safer Halton priority. However this is a cross cutting work area which has wider implications on other areas of council business.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

The Community Safety Service is a universal service that impacts on the health, safety and well-being of young people.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

None

6.3 A Healthy Halton

The Community Safety Service is a universal service that impacts on the Health, safety and well-being of the residents of Halton.

6.4 A Safer Halton

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6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

None

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

None

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

9.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.