

WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICES – REMOVAL OF HEALTH AND WELLBEING FROM STATEMENT OF PARTNER REQUIREMENTS

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Cllr Rebecca Blake
Portfolio Holder Consulted	-
Relevant Head of Service	Steve Jordan, Head of Regulatory Services
Ward(s) Affected	All
Ward Councillor(s) Consulted	N/A
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

This report seeks agreement to the modification of the statement of partner service requirements for Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) by removing the requirements in relation to health and wellbeing / health promotion.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Committee is requested to **RESOLVE** that:

- 1) **the statement of partner service requirements for Worcestershire Regulatory Services be modified by removing the requirements in relation to health and wellbeing / health promotion; and**
- 2) **delegated authority be given to the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services, following consultation with the relevant portfolio holders, to make the relevant amendments to the legal agreement with the other partners.**

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

- 3.1 The savings to the Council from the removal of this requirement will be £22,486 per annum.

Legal Implications

- 3.2 The necessary amendments to the legal agreement with the other partners in Worcestershire Regulatory Services removing the requirements in relation to health and wellbeing / health promotion are required.

Service / Operational Implications

- 3.3 When Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) was established in 2010 the statement of partner service requirements for all partners included a number of activities relating to health and wellbeing / health promotion (see Appendix 1). These requirements reflected the services provided at that time by the district councils and the County Council and their relationships with other bodies responsible for public health, etc. They also reflected deliverables within the now defunct Local Area Agreements.
- 3.4 Since the creation of WRS, there have been significant changes in the public health landscape. Public health responsibility transferred from the NHS to county councils in two tier areas in 2013, under the national leadership of Public Health England. This change places primary responsibility for health and wellbeing matters locally with Worcestershire County Council which now funds the health and wellbeing coordinators based within the six district councils.
- 3.5 The WRS Management Board has recently reviewed the current statement of partner requirements in respect of health and wellbeing / health promotion and concluded that, as much of the work is now undertaken by other bodies, these requirements should be removed with a contingent reduction in the overall WRS budget of £157,000. This change was recommended to the Worcestershire Shared Services Joint Committee when it met on 26 September. The Joint Committee agreed to ask participating partner councils to formally request the removal of these requirements.
- 3.6 Removal of this requirement from the agreement for WRS will have very little impact within the Borough. As explained below, much of the work involved is now undertaken by the County Council in its lead public health role. Some of the other work such as food hygiene training is non-statutory and is provided commercially for those businesses that need it. It is not expected that the removal of these requirements from WRS will result in any significant adverse health and wellbeing implications within the Borough.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.7 No adverse equalities impacts have been identified

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 No particular risks have been identified.

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Health and Wellbeing Statement of Partner Requirements

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

WRS - Statement of Partner Requirements

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