

**DIRECTORATE OF COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & HOUSING
REPORT NO. EHH1611**

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY – PRIMARY AUTHORITY

PURPOSE

- To seek Cabinet approval for the Council to authorise Primary Authority arrangements to the value of up to £20,000.

BACKGROUND

- Primary Authority (PA) arrangements offer regulators the opportunity to work with businesses to offer advice and support, with full cost recovery. It enables businesses across Borough boundaries to form a statutory partnership with one local authority, which then provides robust and reliable advice for other regulators to take into account when carrying out inspections or addressing non-compliance.
- Cabinet will be aware of our longstanding PA relationship with the Army, which has since developed into a means of supporting the Tri-Services. Wherever the Services eat worldwide, they do so in accordance with procedures agreed with the Council's food team.
- Primary Authority arrangements are administered by the Better Regulation Delivery Office (BRDO). The principles of Primary Authority are set out in the Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Act 2008, amended by the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- The general power of competence under the Localism Act 2011 gives the Council power to enter into such arrangements to provide discretionary services on a cost recovery basis subject to the to the agreement of the purchaser..

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- PA arrangements provide for the Council to recover costs in full, supporting the 8 Point Plan Income Generation strand.

RECOMMENDATION

- To support the Council's development of Primary Authority relationships, and to serve purpose and cost recovery, it is recommended that Cabinet authorises the Head of Environmental Health and Housing to enter into Primary Authority arrangements up to the value of £20,000.

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