

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Council</b>
<b>Meeting date:</b>	<b>15 July 2016</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Annual report of the regulatory committee</b>
<b>Report by:</b>	<b>Chairman: regulatory committee</b>

## **Classification**

Open

## **Key decision**

This is not an executive decision.

## **Wards affected**

County-wide

## **Purpose**

To inform Council of the work undertaken by the regulatory committee for the municipal year 2015/16.

## **Recommendation**

**THAT: the report be noted.**

## **Alternative options**

1. There are no alternative options as the report is for information.

## **Reasons for recommendations**

2. To comply with the requirement in the council's constitution that Council will receive annual reports from committees.

## **Key considerations**

3. This report summarises the work of the regulatory committee between the periods 23 May 2015 to 20 May 2016.
4. The committee's role under the constitution is very much a strategic one with much of the day to day work being undertaken by the regulatory sub-committee or under officer delegation in accordance with the functions scheme.

5. The committee itself met once in the reporting period. The committee at its meeting on 14 October 2015 received the detailed 2014/15 annual report on regulatory activity by environmental health and trading standards including the activity of the regulatory sub-committee. This report is available on the council's website at the following link.

<http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=262&MId=5554&Ver=4>

The current 2015/16 annual report on regulatory activity by environmental health and trading standards is available at

<http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=262&MId=5878&>

6. In particular the committee welcomed the continued strong performance in the results of the business satisfaction survey 2015-16. The survey measured the satisfaction of businesses with local authority regulatory services and had recorded a 100% satisfaction rating. This compared with a satisfaction rating of 99% and 100% for the previous two years.
7. During the year 2015/16, the sub-committee has met on 21 separate occasions and has dealt with 26 cases presented by the Licensing Team. This compares to 16 occasions and 22 cases in the previous year. These were mostly licensing applications and reviews, but also included matters relating to taxi vehicles and drivers. This work also included three expedited reviews
8. The reporting period has seen some particularly complex cases which have required adjournments and rehearing.
9. Members should be aware that, based on police data, the number of licensing reviews undertaken in herefordshire far exceed those carried out by the licensing authorities in other areas of the west mercia's police force, which demonstrates the close partnership working developed between herefordshire council's licensing team and west mercia police. As a consequence, the local police are reassured that Hereford's night time economy is still the safest in their region which indicates to members the good and effective work undertaken by the regulatory subcommittee.
10. The committee wishes to place on record it's thanks to all those committee members who stood as members of the various regulatory sub committees where much of the operational business is conducted.

## **Appendices**

- None identified.

## **Background papers**

- None identified.