

MEETING:	COUNCIL
MEETING DATE:	18 JULY 2014
TITLE OF REPORT:	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGULATORY COMMITTEE
REPORT BY:	REGULATORY COMMITTEE

### 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 from May 2013 to May 2014.

# Recommendation(s)

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 annual

Council meetings held on 24 May 2013 and 23 May 2014.

- 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.
- The committee itself met twice in the reporting period. The principal items it considered were the report on regulatory activity for 2012/13, the 2013/14 Food Hygiene Inspection Programme and the 2013/14 Food Standards Enforcement Programme.
- The committee at its meeting on 5 June 2014 received the detailed 2013/14 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?Cld=262&Mld=5199&Ver=4

- In particular, the committee welcomed the improvement in the results of the Business Satisfaction Survey 2013/14. The survey measured the satisfaction of businesses with local authority regulatory services and had recorded a 90% satisfaction rating. This compared with a satisfaction rating of 74% for the previous year.
- As mentioned above, the detail of the Regulatory Sub-Committee's activity is set out in appendix 1 to the 2013/14 report on regulatory activity. In summary the Sub-Committee met twelve times considering one application for a new premises licence, three reviews of premises licences; three variations to licenses, two expedited reviews, an application for a Temporary Event Notice, and one public right of way matter.
- The committee also wishes to place on record its thanks to the outgoing Chairman, Councillor Hope, and to all those committee members who stood as members of the various Regulatory Sub Committees where much of the operational business is conducted.

## **Background Papers**

None identified