

## Adults and wellbeing scrutiny committee

### Health impact of the intensive poultry industry Task and Finish group – Scoping Document

Title of review	Health impact of the intensive poultry industry
Scope	
Reason for review	To consider the potential health impacts of the intensive poultry industry.
Links to the corporate plan	The review contributes to the following ambitions contained in the Herefordshire County Plan 2020-2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen communities to ensure everyone lives well and safely together</li> </ul>
Summary of the review and terms of reference	<p>Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To review published literature to assess the strength of existing scientific evidence, the potential health impacts identified by this evidence and where such impacts might occur; and</li> <li>To examine whether health data held by or available to Herefordshire Council and key health partners is sufficiently granular to allow for analysis and identification of identified potential impacts in Herefordshire.</li> <li>To understand what work might be taking place nationally, or is planned, to gather data and examine health impacts.</li> <li>To understand relevant health functions of the council and how such health powers could be utilised to address health impacts.</li> </ul>
	<p>Terms of Reference:</p> <p>The review will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receive and consider national and regional air and water pollution statistics as it relates to intensive poultry farming.</li> <li>Receive available details on environmental impact of intensive poultry in Herefordshire, and consequent impact on human health.</li> <li>Receive and consider pathways to improvement of intensive poultry farming methods to help mitigate health hazards.</li> <li>Receive detail of any work that might be taking place or is planned nationally to consider risk and determine any health impacts.</li> <li>Receive detail of relevant health powers of the council that could be utilised to address any risk or health impacts identified.</li> </ul> <p>Membership: (to be determined)</p>
What will NOT be included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consideration of the impact of the consumption of intensively reared poultry and poultry products</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration of other impacts of intensive poultry units as these are outside the remit of the parent committee.</li> </ul>
Potential outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An understanding of the current published evidence on the potential health impacts of the industry; and</li> <li>• An understanding of the ability to identify such impacts in available data for Herefordshire.</li> <li>• Communication with government in respect of ongoing or planned studies in respect of health impacts.</li> <li>• An understanding of the health functions and powers of the council in respect of the issue.</li> </ul>
Key Questions	<p>To consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is known about the impacts of ammonia, nitrogen deposition, phosphates and particulate matter from intensive poultry on human health?</li> <li>• What is known about the consequent deterioration of rural health and living conditions?</li> <li>• What considerations of risk of avian influenza should form part of the review?</li> <li>• What national work is ongoing or planned?</li> <li>• What are the relevant health functions and powers of the council in respect of the issue?</li> </ul>
Cabinet Member(s)	Cabinet member health and adult wellbeing
Key stakeholders / Consultees	<p>Internal – Public Health- Herefordshire council Environmental Health- Herefordshire council</p> <p>External – –</p>
Potential witnesses	
Research Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emissions from intensive poultry and its effect on human health</li> </ul>
Potential Visits	
Publicity Requirements	Following the conclusion of the task and finish group, to report back to the adults and wellbeing scrutiny committee.

Outline Timetable:	
<i>Activity</i>	<i>Timescale</i>
Approve scoping document, appoint chairperson and other members	Committee meeting 6 September 2021
<i>Suggested activity for the group, subject to approval at the first meeting</i>	
Meeting One – confirm terms of reference, programme of consultation/research/provisional witnesses/meeting dates	
Meeting Two – undertake and/or review progress on consultation / research / witness testimony/receive available data	
Meeting Three – complete any outstanding consultation / research / witness sessions and frame recommendations to be reported back to committee/identify what gaps exist in available data	
Present final report to Adults and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee	

Members –	
Chair	
Support Members	
Co-optees	
Support Officers	