

AGENDA ITEM 4

EXECUTIVE – 2ND AUGUST 2010 RECOMMENDED ITEM FROM SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE- 30TH JUNE 2010

107. PEST CONTROL POLICY

The Environmental Health Residential Manager presented the Council's Pest Control Policy, which had been developed via the Patch Management process.

The Policy concerned the eradication of rats, mice and other pests of public health significance such as wasps, fleas and cockroaches within the Council's administrative area.

Members raised questions regarding out of office hours reporting and using the eyes and ears process.

Discussion took place regarding the Council's statutory duty in ensuring its area is kept free from rats and mice.

Further to a question raised by Councillor Morley regarding colonies of bees, the Environmental Health Residential Manager, advised the meeting that the Council had contact with two beekeepers in the District, one in the north of the area and one in the south. He added that bees would only be killed where it was absolutely necessary, for example, an infected hive.

The Environmental Health Residential Manager further advised the meeting that policies were reviewed every two years but any concerns regarding a policy could be reviewed at any time.

Moved by Councillor T. Cook, seconded by Councillor R. Holmes
RESOLVED that 1) the Pest Control Policy be accepted,

2) the Pest Control Policy be forwarded to the Executive for approval.

(Environmental Health Residential Manager / Head of Democratic Services)

Committee:	Sustainable Scrutiny Committee	Agenda Item No.:	9.
Date:	30 th June 2010	Category	
Subject:	Pest Control Policy	Status	Open
Report by:	Environmental Health Residential Manager		
Other Officers involved:	Patch Management Group		
Director	Chief Executive Officer		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor D Kelly, Portfolio Holder for Environment		

RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS

REGENERATION – Developing healthy, prosperous and sustainable communities

The policy describes the activities and responsibilities involved in carrying out the pest control service.

TARGETS

There are no specific targets in the Corporate Plan for the delivery of the policy.

VALUE FOR MONEY

Undertaking pest control work helps to prevent damage to property and goods and more importantly the spread of disease which saves on replacement costs, the consequences of the damage caused and costs to the health services

THE REPORT

The Pest Control Policy is attached and has been developed via the Patch Management process.

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Whether or not to approve the policy.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial : None

Legal : None

Human Resources : None

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That Sustainable Scrutiny Committee review and accept the Pest Control Policy**
- 2. That the Pest Control Policy be forwarded to the Executive for approval**

ATTACHMENT: Y
FILE REFERENCE:
SOURCE DOCUMENT: