

Environmental Health Service Objectives

Service Objective: to protect public health by ensuring that food producers and premises are inspected in accordance with the FSA Code of Practice (England).

Action
Publish an annual food service plan that includes the numbers of risk based inspections to be carried out.
Carry out inspections in accordance with the plan
To approve food producers so they can supply retail customers
To give advice to the public and new businesses
To respond appropriately to complaints and service requests from the public and businesses
Carry out the national food sampling programme
Sample private water supplies
Provide food training for businesses
Implement Sussex Eat Out Eat Well nutritional project with Trading Standards
Better Business for All -Develop primary authority businesses, training for businesses, in partnership with ESCC Trading Standards
Inspect gaming machines and lottery card dispensers in public houses during food inspections
Issue Health certificates

Service Objective: to protect public health by ensuring that work places etc are inspected in accordance with HSE guidance.

Action
Publish an annual plan that includes the numbers of risk based inspections to be carried out and the national projects being undertaken, in accordance with Government guidance.
Carry out inspections in accordance with this plan
To investigate significant accidents (major injury or death)
To give advice to the public and new businesses
To respond appropriately to complaints and service requests from the public, employees and employers
Carry out proactive inspections in accordance with the HSE national priority list
Chair Bonfire SAGs in Rother and Wealden and attend some events
Inspect commercial caravan sites and issue new licences
Operate SAGs for major events (unlicensed)
Violence at Work project-including betting shops and petrol stations (include licensing checks during inspections)
Respond to local intelligence on health and safety standards at work by conducting local intervention campaigns

Service Objective: to protect public health by investigating and controlling cases of infectious disease as required by Public Health England

Action
Investigate infectious diseases
To attend quarterly community infection meetings with PHE
Prepare for major outbreak by reviewing and testing the plan
Implement new bye laws to control acupuncture, body piercing etc in Wealden
Implement Tattoo Parlour Hygiene Rating Scheme
Public Health Burials (Wealden only)

Service Objective: to protect public health by licensing all activities and persons, ensure all licence conditions are complied with. In addition to protect the finances of the Council by ensuring all fees are paid.

Action
Licences to be issued in accordance with written procedures and statutory deadlines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol and regulated entertainment • Animal Welfare Licences eg dog breeding, home boarding, pet vending, performing animals and hiring of horses (new regulations) • Gambling- betting shops, bingo, lotteries • Taxis
Implement new AW licensing regime <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal boarding, dog breeding, home boarding, sale of pets, performing animals and hiring of horses
To respond to complaints and service requests from the public and investigate activities not licensed
To give advice to the public and new businesses
To liaise with the police, other LAs and other enforcement bodies to achieve improvements by co-ordinated action
To carry out evictions at unauthorised sites (Rother only)
Inspect all residential mobile home sites when a new application has been received, including single units
To inspect all residential mobile home parks (6+ units). To also complete bi-annual gypsy count.
Operate SAGs for major events (licensed)
Consult on revised LA03 policies
Implement reducing the strength campaign etc
Provide CSE training and assessment for drivers
Taxi Home Safe campaign (Christmas and Proms)

Service Objective: to protect public health by controlling dogs, pests and pollution. In addition to protect the finances of the Council by ensuring all fees are paid.

Action
Pollution Permits (eg brick works, car spraying, petrol stations) to be issued, processes inspected in accordance with a risk assessment.
To carry out monitoring of nitrogen dioxide, particulates and radiation so that the annual air quality review can be written and so that vulnerable members of the public can be alerted to high pollution episodes. Promote Air Alert and Cold Alert Services that allow the public to sign up to automatic text alerts of high levels of pollution or cold weather.
To respond to complaints and service requests from the public <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Social Behaviour- drones to Japanese knot weed • Accumulations of waste on private land if prejudicial to health • Air pollution-bonfires • Filthy and Verminous premises

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light pollution • Noise- Commercial, Domestic, and Industrial • Private drainage- cesspools, drains and septic tanks
To give advice to the public and new businesses
To liaise with the police, other LAs and enforcement bodies to achieve improvements by co-ordinated action
To comment on planning applications that have a significant environmental impact
To provide a pest control service
To provide a dog control service
To investigate cases of fly-tipping in Rother
Investigate and evaluate contaminated land associated with planning applications
Produce annual air quality reviews
To licence Scrap Metal Dealers and work with the police on enforcement operations
Wealden Corporate Plan 2019-2023 Design new developments to protect our communities from environmental contamination, poor air quality and noise.

Service Objective: to reduce fuel poverty (Rother only)

Action
Promote community switch campaign or Sussex Energy tariff, to advise residents that they can change energy suppliers
Train Officers to be able to advise residents about home energy efficiency measures and grants
Identify vulnerable household and create database of individuals who can be advised about grants and offers when they are available.

Service Objective Community Safety (Rother only)

- *Not lead authority

Action
Administer Crime Reduction Partnership and Action Groups (JAGs)
Reduce impact of offending and ASB, in accordance with Council's objectives
Administer community safety grants
Implement and develop PSPO
Assist Housing service with vulnerable persons
Reduction in domestic abuse and reoffending-working with partners*
Improve road safety-working with partners*
Participate in Project Discovery

Place	People
Public Realm	Anti-social behaviour
Environmental Crime	Domestic Violence
Quality of Life	Housing

Service Objective To improve the living conditions and safety of private sector tenants, licence HMOs, bring empty properties back into use. (Rother only)

Action
Respond to complaints from tenants and take appropriate action
Licence HMOs
Issue civil penalties for HMOs not licensed from 01/10/18
Inspect twenty percent of licensed HMOs each year
Respond to requests for reports on accommodation from Housing Needs
Develop action plan to reduce empty properties-target 5 empty homes brought back into use.