

## **Item 05 – Environmental Protection Service Plan**

The attached report was considered by the Cleaner & Greener Advisory Committee on 14 March 2023. The relevant Minute extract is below.

### **Cleaner & Greener Advisory Committee (14 March, Minute 41)**

The Chairman presented the report, which outlined how the Environmental Health Team would discharge its statutory obligations with regards to Statutory Nuisance, Animal Welfare, and Licensing and Environmental Permitting Regulations for the upcoming year. The report also outlined the volume of work undertaken by the team, and how it had streamlined its processes with technology to cope with increase workloads with current resources.

In response to questions, the Environmental Protection Team Leader explained that the team were awaiting clarification from central government on their duties under the Clean Air Act with regards to combatting particulate emissions from electric vehicles. The Officer further explained that most of the drainage issues in the District were the remit of sewage undertakers or the land drainage board. The Council helped advocate on behalf of residents but generally lacked the statutory powers to act.

The Committee heard that the team had previously charged for land searches for contaminated sites, but that changes in the Council's software currently prevented the team from making the reports. This was being examined as a possible source of income in the future. The Officer clarified that most contaminated land sites did not meet the criteria in the Environmental Protection Act Part 2A, and were addressed through the planning process rather than the Environmental Protection Team.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet that it recommends to Council that the Environmental Protection Service Plan 2023/24 be approved.