



**London Boroughs of Brent & Harrow
Trading Standards Joint Advisory Board
8 March 2018**

FOR INFORMATION

**TRADING STANDARDS SCRUTINY REPORT UPDATE FOR JOINT ADVISORY
BOARD**

Wards Affected:	N/A
Key or Non-Key Decision:	N/A
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	Open
No. of Appendices:	2
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report provides Members with information regarding the Service's appearance before the Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee on 9 January 2018.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That Members note the contents of the report and make any suggestions as appropriate.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Trading Standards Service was asked to report to Brent Council's Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee on 9 January 2018 regarding the following three subject areas:

1. Analysis on the role of Trading Standards in 2017
 2. Are we targeting the correct areas?
 3. What do the public want Trading Standards to do?
- 3.2 The Committee had an opportunity to meet members of staff the evening before their meeting where they were able to hear firsthand of the work being delivered by our frontline officers.
- 3.3 It was felt that the pre meeting was well received with Committee members appearing engaged and interested to learn about the wide ranging duties carried out by Trading Standards Staff. The meeting gave staff an opportunity to highlight some of their achievements on a 1-1 basis with members and appreciated the recognition of their work shown by the Committee members.
- 3.4 Attached, labelled as Appendix A, is a copy of the report which was presented by Cllr Miller, Cabinet Lead for Stronger Communities at Brent Council titled 'A Review of Trading Standard's Role and Priority Areas'.
- 3.5 Attached, labelled as Appendix B, is an extract of the relevant section taken from the published minutes of the meeting.
- 3.6 The Committee made two recommendations for further consideration and to report back in due course. The first consideration was to ensure that the Service's priorities are underpinned by an invest-to-save basis with the view to protecting the borough's most vulnerable residents.
- 3.7 The second was to report back with an analysis of these findings. This process is now underway with a document of existing and new areas for income generation presented to Cllr Miller for consideration.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implication arising directly from this Joint Advisory Board report although the suggested 'spend-to-save' policy recommended by the Scrutiny Committee is likely to result in some budgetary changes depending on the options considered, proposals made and any decisions taken by Cabinet in due course.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6.0 Equality Implications

- 6.1 The proposals in this report have been screened to assess their relevance to equality and were found to have no equality implications.

7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

- 7.1 There is no requirement to specifically consult Ward Members about this report as it affects all of wards across both Boroughs. Subject to the final recommendations being made, it shall be up to Harrow Council's Divisional

Director for Commissioning Services and/or any other democratic process if appropriate, for the London Borough of Harrow to agree if it wishes to adopt and of the proposals made within their respective borough.

8.0 Human Resources/Property Implications

8.1 There are no human resource or property implications arising from this report.

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