

**London Boroughs of Brent & Harrow
Trading Standards Joint Advisory Board
9 June 2021
Report from the Senior Service Manager**

FOR INFORMATION

TRADING STANDARDS ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report presents the Trading Standards annual report for the year 2020/2021.
- 1.2 It is a requirement of the Trading Standards Consortium Agreement that an annual report is presented to the Joint Advisory Board which includes details of the work undertaken by each borough team during the financial year to which it relates.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Joint Advisory Board Members take note of the report and provide comment where appropriate.

3.0 Details

- 3.1 The Trading Standards Service operates on a joint consortium basis between the London Borough of Brent and the London Borough of Harrow, with Brent being the host authority. In accordance with the contractual terms between the two boroughs, an annual report must be presented to the Trading Standards Joint Advisory Board.
- 3.2 The Service carries out the local authority's statutory duties relating to the legislation enforced by a Weights and Measures Authority. This gives the Service responsibility of enforcement and legal powers under, hundreds of Acts of parliament or statutory instruments.
- 3.3 The Service seeks to promote and maintain a fair and equitable trading environment for consumers and businesses alike, creating a level and equal marketplace in which consumers can spend in confidence and business can confidently trade. Our duties extend to all business types including those who trade online and the growing internet marketplace, our local high streets, commercial business parks, trading estates, those who trade from their homes and door to door tradespeople.
- 3.4 A copy of the report for the year 2020/2021 is attached as an Appendix for Members' information and consideration showing some of the work conducted and our achievements during that financial year.

- 3.5 Members will note that the outputs of the Service during the last 12 months, have primarily focused on supporting and regulating businesses throughout the Covid 19 pandemic, educating and ensuring compliance with all the evolving Covid secure requirements.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 At The Trading Standards Service for 2020/2021, was provided within its agreed net budget.

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 wards across both Boroughs.

8.0 Human Resources Implications

- 8.1 There are no staffing or property implications arising from this report.

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