

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	Subject: ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICE PLAN 2014-15	
From: HEAD OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES		
Date: 12 AUGUST 2014	Ref: CM/PB	

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report seeks the Committee's approval for the Trading Standards Animal Health and Welfare Service Plan for 2014-15 in accordance with the Animal Health and Welfare Framework.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Framework provides a risk based approach to animal health and welfare duties carried out by local authorities. It was created in partnership with the Scottish Government, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA), Society of Chief Officers of Trading Standards Scotland (SCOTSS), Society of Chief Officers of Environmental Health in Scotland (SOCOEHs) and the Animal Health & Veterinary Laboratory Agency (AHVLA).

- 2.2 Under the Framework local authorities are expected to:

- provide an annual Service Plan, containing an activity matrix and a Local Authority Profile;
- meet at least the minimum standard of practice delivery for priority activities in the activity matrix;
- discuss relative priorities and adjustments to Service Plans with the Regional Veterinary Lead (RVL) of AHVLA on a regular basis;
- provide statutory returns (or any other occasional return), as required;
- work in co-operation with other local authorities, organisations and agencies as appropriate including, supporting regional initiatives and projects and fostering local partnerships;
- support the Framework Steering Group for Scotland;
- meet the minimum standards for dealing with farm animal welfare complaints under the Animal Health & Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006.

3. Proposal

- 3.1 The local authority profile for the Council for 2014-15 has been completed and is attached as an appendix to this report. The profile provides a simple overview of the pattern of work expected during the year based on the number and types of premises in North Lanarkshire. The profile shows 2 high risk farms, 2 medium risk abattoirs and approximately 220 low risk farm holdings.

- 3.2 The Service Plan providing a structured plan of work to be carried out in North Lanarkshire has been completed and submitted as required to the RVL. A copy has been placed in the Members' Library. The plan is designed to help manage the risk of animal disease incursion, control spread and maintain and improve standards of animal welfare. The framework agreement requires that the plan agreed with the RVL should be approved by the Council.
- 3.3 The Service Plan is completed on a template based on the local authority activity matrix contained in the Framework Agreement. It covers a number of different areas including business advice, enforcement activities, partnership working and contingency planning. For each activity identified in the Service Plan, the Council was asked to identify which standard was to be met, how that would be achieved and what target was set. For each activity that is applicable, the Council has agreed to meet the identified levels of "minimum standard/priority activity", "good practice" or "better practice" for the duration of the Framework Agreement, in accordance with the RVL agreement. This will be reviewed annually with the RVL.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 All Animal Health & Welfare enforcement activities are contained within the Trading Standards budget and there are no additional financial implications arising from these proposals.

5. Corporate Considerations

- 5.1 The Council is under a statutory duty to enforce principal legislation dealing with Animal Health and the Framework Agreement requires it to approve an agreed Service Plan for that purpose.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1 That the Committee:

- a) approves the Animal Health & Welfare Service Plan agreed with the Regional Veterinary Lead for 2014-15, and
- b) otherwise notes the contents of this report.



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Appendix

Local Authority Profile

Name of LA	North Lanarkshire Council	Financial year 2014/15
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1. Staffing

Role	Number of officers	FTE (full time equivalent) for AH&W Framework
Management	2	0.1
Admin/data input	1	0.1
Inspector/operational	1	0.8

2. Data input

Local authority Database used APP Civica

Will interface with AMES be installed / considered? No

3. Work Load - Critical Control Areas (CCA)

a) with defined work patterns

Type of CCA	No.	Operating pattern (markets) or throughput (slaughterhouses)
Markets, & Assembly Centres	0	
Slaughterhouses	2	1. Wishaw – annual throughput 8621 cattle, 24246 sheep, 2559 pigs. 2. Shotts – annual throughput 4288 cattle, 9156 sheep, 7625 pigs.
Shows, sales and one-off events	0	

b) without defined work patterns

Type of CCA	No.
Ports	0
Dealers	0

4. Total risk assessed premises including CCAs

According to the risk assessment of premises carried out by the local authority

	High Risk	Medium Risk	Low Risk
No. of premises (including 3(a) & (b) above)	2	2	220 approx