## Shaping the Council 2015-16 and beyond: Savings Business Case

Business Case Title	Stop Enforcement of Miscellaneous Environmental Health Legislation		
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## **Section 1: Summary**

### **Savings Proposal**

EP6 – Stop Work under the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act and Miscellaneous Environmental Health Legislation including: -

- Prevention of Damage by Pests work(infested land and property);
- Work on Filthy and Verminous Properties and People;
- Work on Noxious Matter and other health threatening accumulations;
- · Work securing of unsafe abandoned premises;
- Miscellaneous work similar to the above.

### Strategic rationale

This is a statutory duty.

The Council has statutory duties under the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1982, Public Health Act 1963 and other legislation. These are often delivered to protect the public in a particular locality in the borough.

The ability of the councils EP team to expedite works to protect Public Health by the use of works in default funds can have practical benefits to residents, it is also useful to illustrate to the external regulator, DEFRA, Thurrock's commitment to the fulfilment of its duty in this regard. On occasion it is necessary to protect public health.

### **Approximate Cost Savings**

30k from 1 FTE + 10k from the Works in default budget.

Timescales	
Activity	Timescale
	As per HR procedures applicable to Thurrock Staff.

### Risks / Consequences

These duties are often delivered in response to direct complaint from members of the public who will in future have to be advised that the Council no longer undertakes this work. The work enforcing this

legislation frequently addresses highly visible problems in the borough or those giving rise to concerns around the spread of disease by rats, mice, insects or contact with infectious or otherwise harmful material.

Failure to undertake these functions may lead to intervention by DEFRA or other government departments or agencies due to the Councils default in respect of its statutory duties. This would increase the likelihood of adverse Local Government Ombudsman adjudications.

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None

## Section 2: Finance, savings and costs

#### Financial summary General Fund budget 2014-15 Premises / Supplies/ Direct Staff Third Total Income Net **Transport** Services **Payments** Party £000s **Expenditure** £000s **Expenditure Payments** £000s £000s £000s £000s **Gross** £000s £000s 2014/15

Staff Related savings		
Current number of posts (FTE and headcount)	1	
Number of posts to be deleted (FTE and headcount)	1	
Amount of salary saving (inc on-costs)	30k	

Non- Staff Related savings		
Premises and buildings (inc utilities)		
Transport		
Supplies and services	10k	
Other (please specify)		

Third Party Related savings/income		
Commissioning/contracts		
Charges to the HRA/DSG/PHG (NB can be negative)		
Increase fees & charges		
Grants/additional funding streams		
Other (please specify)		

	Benefits – non financial

Costs & Resources to deliver the savings		
Direct costs		
Redundancy costs	Not quantified	
Accommodation costs		
Procurement and/or Legal costs		
Other HR costs		
Other (please specify)		

# Section 3: Impact/Consequences of proposal – not covered in financial section

### Impact on Corporate Priorities/objectives/ performance targets/standards

Priority 1. Create a great place for learning and opportunity	
Priority 2. Encourage and promote job creation and economic prosperity	
Priority 3. Build pride, responsibility and respect to create safer communities	This work contributes to the safer element of this priority.
Priority 4. Improve health and well-being	
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### Impacts on partners

Commercial partners may be effected by the general deterioration in the Environment that the Council would no longer be seeking to regulate.

### Impacts on customers / community and equality/diversity implications

Residents are likely to be discontent when previously addressed environmental, safety and health risks are no longer dealt with.

Has an EqIA been undertaken?

NO
Date: N/A

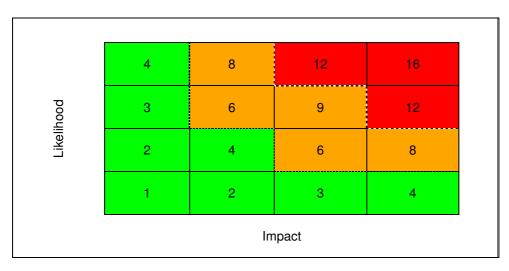
Other impacts/implications	

## **Section 4: Risks and Mitigation**

Delivery risks				
Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Rating	Management or Mitigating Action
Ability to deliver staff reductions in time to achieve full year saving	1	4	4	Prompt commencement of HR processes on agreement to implement this savings proposal.

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External intervention in the Councils operations by Government / Potential for adverse publicity generated by residents and special interest groups	3	4	12	Review of decision to implement savings should circumstances dictate. Provision of contingency funds to engage contract staff to deal with any urgent situations that might arise, to the extent permitted by HR rules.

For information on the ratings criteria guide, please see \\\Thurdata01\\data\THURROCK\EXCHANGE\ROM



## Section 5: Assumptions, Dependencies & Exclusions

Timeframes Assumptions/ Dependencies/Exclusions	HR support available in a timely fashion to implement staff changes.
Benefits Assumptions/ Dependencies/Exclusions	
Costs Assumptions/ Dependencies/Exclusions	
Other/ General Assumptions/ Dependencies/Exclusions	

## Section 6: Stakeholder Engagement Requirements

		Approximate timelines	
Staff/Unions  NB. Services should not be undertaken consultation with staff in isolation – all such activity should be coordinated through Jackie Hinchliffe		As per HR procedures commencing as soon as decision to implement the proposal is agreed.	
Portfolio Holders/Members  NB. Services should not be undertaken consultation with staff in isolation – all such activity should be coordinated through Directors Board		Via Directors Board	
Partners  NB. Services should not be undertaken consultation with partners in isolation – all such activity should be co-ordinated through Directors Board			
Residents/Public  NB. Services should not be undertaken consultation with staff in isolation – all such activity should be coordinated through Directors Board			
Other – please specify			
Section 7: Any other comments to support savings proposals			