

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY

Mike Hill

Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services

DECISION NO:

19/00074

For publication

Key decision*

Yes – County Wide impact

Subject: Animal Welfare and Health Emergency Plan

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services I agree to approve the KRF Animal and Plant Health Emergency Plan and statutory ACTSO appendix. (i.e. the Local Authority Exotic Notifiable Animal Disease Contingency Plan which is relevant to KCC Trading Standards and Resilience and Emergency Planning Service policy and practice) as a KCC led Kent Resilience Forum document). Once this strategic policy document is signed off, operational implementation will be the responsibility of the Heads of KCC Trading Standards and Resilience and Emergency Planning Service (supported by KRF partners).

Reason(s) for decision:

Kent County Council enforces a range of legal and regulatory duties in relation to animal and plant health. This plan sets out the powers and duties of KCC in this regard and incorporates the Association of Chief Trading Standards Officers statutory guidance on Notifiable Animal Disease response. A significant change is proposed to this standing document in making it multi-agency in reach through Kent Resilience Forum, though remaining KCC-led.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

Consultation has taken place with Kent Resilience Forum Partners.

The proposal will be discussed by Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee on 29 November 2019.

Any alternatives considered:

This is a statutory plan reflecting overarching regulation and legislation. Non-compliance would risk an inability to enforce appropriately with potential negative implications for the economy and environment of Kent. The 'gateway' status of the county and local importance of agriculture and the natural environment underline the importance of good biosecurity being maintained in Kent.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

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signed

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date

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