

**REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENTAL & CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE
18 AUGUST 2003**

REPORT ON: THE OPERATION OF THE TRADING STANDARDS SERVICE 2002/03

REPORT BY: HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & CONSUMER PROTECTION

REPORT NO: 547-2003

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To submit to the Environmental & Consumer Protection Committee for the Dundee City Council the annual report of the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures, including the statutory information return, and inform them of the operation of the trading standards service for the year to 31 March 2003. A copy of the annual report has been passed to each of the Group Secretaries and is available for inspection in the Members' Lounge.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to approve the annual information return to the Department of Trade & Industry, and agree it be submitted to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry in accordance with the requirements of section 70 of the Weights and Measures Act 1985.
- 2.2 The committee is also asked to note the following achievements, detailed more fully in the report:
- Excellent Statutory Performance Indicator results keeping the service amongst the best in Scotland in dealing with consumer problems and regulating and helping business.
 - Increased partnership working external agencies and other local authorities.
 - Success in attracting external grant funding from central government, for example with internet shopping and motor vehicle testing projects.
 - A new service delivery plan, detailing how we aim to fulfil consumer and business expectations.
 - New enforcement responsibilities in the form of Animal Health and Welfare.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no financial implications to this report.

4.0 DUNDEE 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no Dundee 21 implications to this report.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no Equal Opportunity Implications in this Report

6.0 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 Dundee City Council, as the local weights and measures authority is required to report annually to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry in accordance with

the provisions of the Weights and Measures Act 1985 on the arrangements made to give effect to all the purposes of the Act. The opportunity is taken at the same time to report on the administration of other legislation enforced by the City's Trading Standards Service.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Chief Executive
Depute Chief Executive (Support Services)
Depute Chief Executive (Finance)

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

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Date: 31 July 2003