

REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - 22nd AUGUST 2011
REPORT ON: WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT 1985 ANNUAL RETURN
REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT
REPORT NO: 371-2011

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides information on the operation of Dundee City Council as a Local Weights and Measures Authority for the year to 31 March 2011.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the committee notes the contents of this report and the attached annual report, which is in the format agreed by the Secretary of State in accordance with section 70 of the Weights and Measures Act 1985.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no financial implications to this report.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 The Weights and Measures Act 1985 requires every local authority to report, in respect of each financial year, on the operation during that year of the arrangements made to give effect to the purposes of the Act and to functions relating to weights and measures within its local area.

4.2 The scope of the Act is extremely wide covering the trade use of weights, measures, and equipment, and transactions in virtually all goods whether by mass or volume.

4.3 The data is collected on behalf of the Secretary of State by the National Measurement Office, and NMO uses the data returned by authorities to indicate the risk level of weights and measures equipment and transactions in goods, and to provide the evidence base to inform potential practical and administrative or legislative changes for the future.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This report has no policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Head of Finance have been consulted on this Report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

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10 AUGUST 2011

Weights and Measures Act 1985 section 70 Annual Report by Local Weights and Measures Authorities to the Secretary of State

Name of Local Weights and measures Authority

Dundee City Council

Name of Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures

Ken Daly

The name of the CIOWM is used as a security measure to retain integrity within the full data set

Measuring Compliance of Weighing and Measuring Equipment

Category of equipment		Actual or estimated no. of pieces of equipment	No. of individual pieces of equipment inspected	No. of pieces of equipment found incorrect and 28 day notice issued	No. of pieces of equipment found incorrect and verification mark removed	No. of pieces of equipment related to prosecutions or cautions
Liquid fuel measuring instruments	A	384	31	0	0	0
Weighbridges and scales over 5000kg	B	19	19	2	3	0
Non-automatic weighing machines < or = 30kg	C	364	22	1	0	0
Non-automatic weighing machines >30kg but < or = 5000kg	D	23	13	0	0	0
Automatic weighing machines (all types)	E	1	0	0	0	0
Weights	F	415	15	0	0	0
Length measures	G	40	23	1	0	0
Intoxicating liquor measuring instruments	H	3344	89	0	1	0
List on return only if 1 or more failed. Categories may include water meters, LPG meters, bulk fuel meters etc.	Other	40	20	3	0	0

Note: 'A certain amount of double counting will be unavoidable - eg some equipment initially subject to a 28 day notice may later have the verification mark removed.

Measuring Metrological Compliance in Transactions

Type of business	No. of businesses liable to inspection	No. of businesses visited	Total No. of businesses compliant
Packaging Plants	4	2	2
Importers of Package Goods	0	0	0
Business selling bulk products by weight/volume	30	4	3
Retail Outlets	967	101	91

