



NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SAFETY DECISION MEETING

TUESDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2013 AT 9.00 AM

THE EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM - THIRD FLOOR, THE GUILDHALL

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AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence**

- 2 Declaration of Members' Interests**

3 Delegation of Illegal Money Lending Enforcement (Pages 1 - 14)

The purpose of this report is to inform the Cabinet / Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety of the continuing work of the Illegal Money Lending Section (IMLS) of Birmingham City Council and to approve their continued authorisation to operate in Portsmouth until 31st March 2015

Recommendations:

- 1. The Cabinet Member approve the delegation of the function of the enforcement of Part III of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 to be carried out in the City of Portsmouth by Birmingham City Council and delegate the power of prosecution to Birmingham City Council for any matters associated with or discovered during an investigation by the illegal money lending team.**
- 2. The 'Protocol for Illegal Money Lending team investigations' attached, at Appendix 1, be agreed and authority be delegated to the Head of Corporate Assets, Business & Standards to enter into this agreement on behalf of Portsmouth City Council.**

4 Terms of Reference (Pages 15 - 16)

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety agree the terms of reference for this portfolio.

Agenda Item 3



Portsmouth
CITY COUNCIL

Agenda item:

Title of meeting: Environment & Community Safety Decision Meeting

Date of meeting: 8th October 2013

Subject: Delegation of Illegal Money Lending Enforcement

Report by: Alan Cufley Head of Corporate Assets, Business & Standards

Wards affected: All Wards

Key decision: No

Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose of report

To inform the Cabinet / Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety of the continuing work of the Illegal Money Lending Section (IMLS) of Birmingham City Council and to approve their continued authorisation to operate in Portsmouth until 31st March 2015

2. Recommendations

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- 2.2 The 'Protocol for Illegal Money Lending team investigations' attached, at Appendix 1, be agreed and authority be delegated to the Head of Corporate Assets, Business & Standards to enter into this agreement on behalf of Portsmouth City Council

3. Background

- 3.1 The primary legislation governing the consumer credit industry is the Consumer Credit Act 1974. Trading Standards enforces this legislation in each local authority area. The Act is based on a licensing system and all consumer credit and consumer hire businesses operating in the UK (with certain exemptions) must possess an appropriate licence issued by the Office of Fair Trading (OFT). The OFT must be satisfied that an applicant for a Consumer Credit Licence is a fit and proper person before issuing that person with a licence to trade.
- 3.2 To operate a consumer credit business without being licensed is a criminal

offence and carries a maximum penalty of £5,000 and/or up to two years imprisonment.

Licences can be revoked where it can be established that the licensee has acted inappropriately and warnings and conditions can be added to the licence where necessary.

Illegal money lending covers a range of activities, from persons that are actually licensed but are acting unlawfully, to the extreme of a person offering cash loans without being licensed at all (Loan Sharks).

Loan Shark activity is characterised by deliberate criminal fraud and theft, with extortionate rates of interest on loans that mean borrowers face demands for payment of thousands of pounds more than they borrowed and can often never pay off the loans. Borrowers who fail to pay or refuse to pay are subject to intimidation, theft, forced prostitution and other, extreme physical violence

- 3.3 An Illegal Money Lending Team was established within Birmingham Trading Standards as a pilot project in England, one of only two in Great Britain; the other pilot area being Glasgow – covering Scotland.

The remit of the team is to investigate illegal money lending activity, establish if a problem exists and, if so, bring to justice those persons carrying on this activity. The team is made up of highly experienced investigators with a broad range of backgrounds and investigative skills.

- 3.4 The scheme, initially working across the Midlands, has already been extended to cover the North West, East of England, South East and Yorkshire and Humber areas.

- 3.5 Research, funded by the Department of Business Innovation and Skills (BIS) and using information gathered by the Birmingham pilot project, has been published which identifies the extent of this type of activity as well as the reasons that people use illegal money lenders. Funding for the project is provided from the Financial Inclusion Fund administered by the Treasury and managed by BIS.

The Treasury and BIS announced that due to the success of the Birmingham team that funding will continue and can be used to roll out to other authorities.

- 3.6 On the 29th December 2010 Business Minister Edward Davey announced that £5.2 million in funds will be available to continue the national Illegal money lending project for 2012/14 through the trading standards service.

- 3.7 In addition, the Minister also announced that BIS intended to restructure the project by moving the project to a three national team model. The Minister indicated that BIS were looking to maintain front line services whilst providing a value for money project.

The England team will be hosted by Birmingham City Council and will continue to

provide a resource to investigate illegal money lending across England.

- 3.8 Birmingham was chosen to lead the new England team due to the efficiencies associated with the expansion. This was favoured to creating a brand new team that would attract high development and set up costs. Centralising national services was key.

The team based in Birmingham will continue to operate the “parachute in and out model”, with a local presence through regional officers, this being the recommended option by the recent research commissioned through Policis.

- 3.9 The benefit that this team can bring to Portsmouth is significant. Portsmouth Trading Standards Service, like most local authorities, is not able to provide the level of specialist resource to provide this enforcement function and the support that is required i.e. witness protection. This is an excellent example of how sharing resources on specific issues can bring benefits otherwise unavailable in providing support to vulnerable consumers and tackling rogues.

- 3.10 Key statistics for the project up to December 2012:

- Identified nearly **3,000** illegal lenders
- Arrested over **600** illegal money lenders (loan sharks)
- Written off over **£40 million** of illegal debts (money victims would have paid back to illegal lenders if the Department had not acted)
- Secured over **218** prosecutions, resulting in prison sentencing totalling over **140** years and one indefinite helped over **19,000** victims of loan sharks including the most hard to reach individuals
- Referred over **1000** victims to alternate (legal) sources of financial support.

- 3.11 In addition to exceeding the expectations of the Government the project has also achieved significant added value, including partnership working with the Police, the Department of Work and Pensions, Post Office Counter Fraud Unit, H M Revenue and Customs to facilitate a coordinated approach to tackling crime and disorder.

- 3.11 In Portsmouth the 'objectives of the project' are supported with community events. In August 2012 Portsmouth Trading Standards officers, local volunteers and the Awareness, Intelligence, Support and Education Officer from the IMLS took part in a 'bite back fortnight' to raise awareness and encourage victims to come forward. Similar activities have taken place in 2013

- 3.12 A loan shark was prosecuted in Portsmouth in 2009 as a result of direct intelligence received, which was well publicised locally.

4.0 Objectives of the Project

Objective 1 - To obtain a clear understanding of the scale and impact of illegal money lending as well as learning lessons on the best way to enforce.

- 4.1 The evidence so far indicates that illegal money lenders are widespread and prevalent. They operate in areas that have a high proportion of rented accommodation and target the most vulnerable members of society. High rise flats are common premises targeted by loan sharks as legitimate lenders do not lend to people residing in this type of accommodation due to the health and safety risks for their collectors.
- 4.2 Evidence shows illegal moneylenders vary from those who lend £10 over a few days and demand £12 on repayment, to those who provide substantial loans to those looking to set up businesses. Interest rates range from 100% up to 117,000% APR in some instances.
- 4.3 Information gathered so far suggests that illegal money lending is being operated across all sectors of the community. The majority of people using moneylenders are in receipt of income support or benefits and are introduced through word of mouth. However evidence also suggests that money lenders operate within the wider community and the pilot has identified illegal money lending within the business community. In many of the investigations it has been established that the moneylenders resort to intimidation and violence in order to secure payment. Other common traits include: adding indiscriminate charges, targeting single mothers and introducing payment through sexual favours.
- 4.4 Moneylenders often use victims of money lending to assist them with maintaining their criminal lifestyle and anonymity, for example illegal money lenders' vehicles are often registered at a clients' address.
- 4.5 There is also anecdotal evidence which suggests that illegal moneylenders have an impact on the wider community in which they operate, with victims resorting to petty crime to enable them to meet payments. Reducing the activities of illegal moneylenders or removing them altogether may therefore help to reduce levels of other criminal activity within a community.
- 4.6 With regard to enforcement activity the investigation of illegal money lending has proven to be very resource intensive. Target individuals need to be observed and monitored to determine their activity, to identify them and if possible establish their address. A significant proportion of targets are also what are termed "life style criminals", which means that evidence of other illegal activity can surface during the course of an investigation. This may not only involve other agencies but can also extend the life of an investigation, thereby adding to the pressure on resources.
- 4.7 **Objective 2 - To create a climate where victims can come forward – confident that prosecutions will be undertaken, and convictions obtained, without fear of reprisals.**

- 4.8 Effective branding and publicity of the pilot project has meant extensive promotion of the aims of the project and work of the team, within both the local and wider community. Evidence suggests that this has been achieved because it can be evidenced that victims are willing to contact the hotlines, and to provide further evidence to help achieve prosecutions. This will be established in North Yorkshire.
- 4.9 The team has used injunctions, backed by the power of arrest under the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003, to remove lenders from their area of operation. Injunctions are reinforced with an agreement from the local police to flag the matter on their system and respond immediately if they receive a call from one of the victims.
- 4.10 Objective 3 – To change the perception amongst those lending that illegal money lending is rarely prosecuted.**
- 4.11 A proactive media campaign is on-going in those areas that have successfully targeted criminals. Engaging the media promotes the work of the team and raises public awareness.
- 4.12 Objective 4 – To develop ways of replacing the removed lenders with more support for their victims.**
- 4.13 The Illegal Money Lending Team will help victims of illegal moneylenders with practical help and support through and in conjunction with the services of local Debt Advice Teams and the National Debtline. It has been noted that victims often need more than simple money advice and so face-to-face advice is considered the most helpful way forward and is the route normally adopted.
- 4.14 Links are also established with credit unions and their associations and where practicable these agencies are also called upon to provide help and advice. The Illegal Money Lending Team offers money management to all victims of moneylenders who contact them for advice and assistance. Partnership working in this area is recognised as being essential in this area of service provision. This will be the key role of the IMLS Intelligence and Support officer for the South East.'

5.0 Reasons for recommendations

- 5.1 This will give Portsmouth the capability to tackle Illegal money lending at minimal cost to the authority.
- 5.2 By virtue of s161 of the Consumer Credit Act 1974, it is the duty of each 'local weights and measures authority' to enforce the provisions of the Act within their local authority boundary. This is an executive function for the purposes of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 and therefore it is necessary for Cabinet as the Executive to formally delegate this function to Birmingham City Council under Section

13 and 19 of the LGA 2000 and the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2000.
Birmingham City Council is also required to formally accept the delegation.

6.0 Equality impact assessment (EIA)

An preliminary EIA has been undertaken for this initiative and has concluded that a full assessment is not required

7.0 Legal Implications

- 7.1 The aim of the protocol is to place the control, conduct and investigation process related to a prosecution under the jurisdiction and within the remit of Birmingham City Council. Such legal implications as do exist are identified and managed within the protocol annexed to the report

8.0 Finance Comments

- 8.1 The proposal would continue to place the control and conduct of any investigation under the jurisdiction and responsibility of Birmingham City Council, therefore there are no financial implications for Portsmouth City Council.

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Signed by:
Alan Cufley, Head of Corporate Assets, Business and Standards

Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Protocol for Illegal Money Lending Section Investigations

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
none	

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/
rejected by on

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Signed by:
Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson, Leader of the City Council

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DEPARTMENT FOR BUSINESS INNOVATION AND SKILLS (BIS)
ILLEGAL MONEY LENDING PROJECT

PROTOCOL FOR ILLEGAL MONEY LENDING SECTION INVESTIGATIONS

Interpretation

For the purposes of this Protocol –

“**BCC**” means Birmingham City Council

“**PCC**” means Portsmouth City Council Trading Standards

“**IMLS**” means the Illegal Money Lending Section

“**Delegated Power**” means the discharge of the function of the Enforcement of Part III of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 granted to BCC by PCC in pursuance of section 101 and 222 of the Local Government Act 1972, Regulation 7 of the Local Authorities (Arrangements for Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2000, sections 13 to 19 of the Local Government Act 2000 and any other legislation enabling the discharge

“**Commencement Date**” means the date the Delegated Power is granted

“**Term**” means from the date of signing of this protocol to 31st March 2015

“**Birmingham Trading Standards**” means Regulatory Services of BCC

“**Portsmouth City Contact Officer (PCCCO)**” means the relevant person appointed by the Head of (Trading Standards) of PCC to liaise with the Head of Illegal Money Lending Section on matters relating to and in connection with the Illegal Money Lending Project

“**Appropriate Contact Officer**” means The Director of Regulation and Enforcement or the Head of Illegal Money Lending of Birmingham Regulation and Enforcement or any person nominated by the Council or authorised by them

1. Application

1.1 This Protocol applies to the DBIS / HM Treasury funded 'Illegal Money Lending Project' and covers the following issues:-

- The conduct of investigations and associated working practices for the IMLS officers when conducting investigations or operating in Portsmouth City Council
- The mechanisms whereby Portsmouth City Council is updated on the progress of the project and any significant issue relating thereto.
- The exchange of intelligence and information between the IMLS and PCC
- The institution of legal proceedings.

2. Protocol

2.1 The purpose of this protocol is to facilitate the delegation of powers to BCC and officers employed within BCC's IMLS to enforce the provisions of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 within the area of Portsmouth City Council. The protocol encourages the exchange of information and a working partnership approach between BCC and PCC in relation to the Consumer Credit Act 1974.

2.2 This Protocol will come into force on the Commencement Date and terminates at the end of the Term.

2.3 Notwithstanding the terms and conditions of this Protocol, this Protocol does not prejudice the right of PCC to withdraw the Delegated Power at any time during the Term. However PCC undertakes not to withdraw the Delegated Power unless it considers there is good reason to do so. The Delegated Power is not to be unreasonably withdrawn by PCC.

3. The IMLS

3.1 It is recognised that officers in the IMLS will need authority to initiate and/or undertake investigations and/or the prosecution of potential offences falling within the scope of the 'Illegal Money Lending Project' where such potential offences fall entirely outside of the BCC boundaries. This protocol and also the Delegated Power is deemed to provide such authority to BCC and its officers regarding all matters.

3.2 The IMLS will comprise of a Head of Service and up to 65 staff directly employed by BCC. The Head of Illegal Money Lending Section will be responsible for the day-to-day operation and supervision of the IMLS.

3.3 The Head of Illegal Money Lending Section will report directly to the Director of Regulation and Enforcement or nominated officer as appropriate.

- 3.4 The Head of the Illegal Money Lending Section BCC will, when required, provide quarterly progress reports, from the Commencement Date, to the Head of (Trading Standards) of PCC giving details of investigations, (unless there is a significant risk that any such disclosure may jeopardise an investigation, such a decision is within the discretion of the Director of Regulation and Enforcement or Head of Trading Standards BCC) prosecutions being pursued or concluded and developments concerning or affecting the Illegal Money Lending Project in Portsmouth.
- 3.5 It is recognised that after Delegated Power is granted to BCC, all decisions concerning the pursuance of relevant investigations, decisions to prosecute and the laying of charges and/or information on such relevant matters within Portsmouth, shall be taken by BCC and in accordance with the relevant Code for Crown Prosecutors and BCC's Enforcement Policy.

4. Working Arrangements in the Portsmouth City Council Area

- 4.1 PCC will designate and appoint a Portsmouth City Council Contact Officer (PCCCO).
- 4.2 The Head of Illegal Money Lending Section will at any time the Head of Illegal Money Lending Section considers necessary and prudent, or at the request of the PCCCO, brief the PCCCO on any intelligence gathered, any progress made on investigations and/or prosecutions pending or otherwise, relating to or affecting Portsmouth and/or its residents.
- 4.3 Further to Clause 4.2 above, all reasonable steps will be taken by the Head of Illegal Money Lending Section to keep the PCCCO updated on the progress of investigations and enquiries being carried out in Portsmouth City and any changes made or introduced by Government concerning the 'Illegal Money Lending Project'. It is incumbent on the Head of Illegal Money Lending Section to maintain regular dialogue/communication with the PCCCO.
- 4.4 The IMLS will have regular contact with the Police and other Government agencies. The Head of Illegal Money Lending Section will consult the PCCCO to identify any local arrangements, investigations and protocols before any investigation is commenced in pursuance of the 'Illegal Money Lending Project'. Wherever possible, the Head of Illegal Money Lending Section will actively involve the PCCCO and seek to develop close links between those agencies and BCC.
- 4.5 The Head of Illegal Money Lending Section will as soon as reasonably practicably inform the PCCCO of the outcome of any concluded prosecution proceedings conducted within Portsmouth.

- 4.6 BCC, where possible, will consult with PCC in good time before issuing any press release concerning any prosecution pursued by BCC pursuant to this Protocol.
- 4.7 Any contact with local government bodies, other police forces, credit unions or similar organisations that may be locally funded or may involve local sensitivities will be agreed with the PCCCO in advance. Upon being notified of an intention to contact such a body, Portsmouth City Council Trading Standards may arrange for one of their own officers to accompany the relevant officer of the IMLS on any visit.
- 4.8 Where the Head of Illegal Money Lending Section and the Head of Trading Standards of Portsmouth City Council agree that an officer or officers of Portsmouth City Council Trading Standards will be actively involved in an investigation, that officer will remain an employee of PCC but for the purpose of that investigation, will come under the control of the IMLS team manager. Such agreement will be subject to the Head of Illegal Money Lending Section being satisfied that the officer's or officers' participation will not compromise any investigation or endanger any member of the IMLT, supporting staff or witnesses, that the officer has the appropriate training and experience to undertake the task; and upon any other terms that the Head of Illegal Money Lending Section and the Head of Trading Standards of Portsmouth City Council consider necessary and/or appropriate.
- 4.9 Unless there is prior agreement with the Head of Illegal Money Lending Section for assistance in an investigation, which is accompanied by an official purchase order from BCC, no reimbursement will be made for time spent on activities supporting the 'Illegal Money Lending Project' or expenditure incurred by any PCC officer.
- 4.10 The exercise by BCC of these arrangements shall be at no cost to PCC
- 4.11 BCC shall have an Appropriate Contact Officer.
- 4.12 In the absence of the IMLS Head of Service, the role, duties, and responsibilities of the Head of Illegal Money Lending Section shall be discharged and carried out by the other Appropriate Contact Officers as nominated.

5. Referral of Information/Intelligence to the Project Team

- 5.1 It is recognised that the IMLS will rely on receiving information about Illegal Money Lender activities.
- 5.2 PCC will endeavour to provide as much relevant information and intelligence as reasonably and practicably possible to the IMLS concerning any investigation being carried out within Portsmouth City having regard to any statutory limitations/restrictions.

- 5.3 Information and intelligence will be provided by the PCCCO to the Head of Illegal Money Lending Section or a person designated by him/her.
- 5.4 BCC IMLS will not, as a matter of routine, investigate individual complaints received concerning alleged Illegal Money Lender activities. However, such complaints may be used by the IMLS as a source of intelligence.
- 5.5 BCC, IMLS and PCC agree to process personal data only in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998 and to disclose information only in accordance with the requirements of the Enterprise Act 2002.

6. Conduct and Control of Investigations

- 6.1 The conduct and control of all investigations undertaken and prosecutions by the IMLS in Portsmouth City will be the responsibility of BCC. Investigations will be undertaken in line with the BCC's published Enforcement Policy and subject to the policies and procedures approved and adopted by Birmingham Trading Standards.
- 6.2 BCC will be responsible for all aspects of the investigations and responsibilities under the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996, Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 1998, the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Enterprise Act 2002.
- 6.3 BCC will be solely responsible for the Health and Safety of IMLS officers and any other officer or person within the direct management of the IMLS providing support and assistance in any investigation undertaken by the IMLT.
- 6.4 Where breaches of Part III of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 are identified, action will be taken in accordance with the enforcement policy and procedures adopted by Birmingham Trading Standards.
- 6.5 When the Head of Service, IMLS BCC, recommends a prosecution under Part III of the Consumer Credit Act 1974, if required, PCC will be provided with a copy of the relevant prosecution file, which will consist of a detailed case summary, schedule of issues, aggravating and mitigating factors, reasons justifying prosecution and any other material fact that PCC ought reasonably to be aware of. PCC will be invited to communicate any comments it considers appropriate and necessary concerning the intended prosecution to the Director of Regulation and Enforcement, the informant for BCC. Such comments will be given due attention and consideration by the informant for BCC.

7. Responsibilities and Actions of the Authorities

- 7.1 BCC shall be liable for the actions and competence of the persons employed within the IMLS and shall ensure that the IMLS shall comply with all legislative requirements and take all reasonable steps to ensure any actions taken are lawful and within the spirit of the protocol.

- 7.2 PCC shall be liable for the actions and competence of persons within its employ and shall take all reasonable steps to ensure the competence of those persons in carrying out their functions and that they comply with legislative requirements and the spirit of this protocol.
- 7.3 Information / intelligence provided between BCC and PCC shall be used for the purpose intended and shall not be divulged to third parties unless to do so would be lawful and in pursuant of an investigation / enquiry subject to this protocol.
- 7.4 BCC and PCC endorse a joined up working approach to the enforcement of the Consumer Credit Act 1974. The partners will attempt to promote consistency in enforcement. However, this protocol does not attempt to restrict the powers of authorised officers of the IMLS or BCC from discharging their duties, as appropriate.

Commencement date: 1 June 2013

Signed

Portsmouth City Council

Signed

Jacqui Kennedy
Director of Regulation and Enforcement
Birmingham City Council.

Agenda Item 4

Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety Terms of Reference

- Emergency Planning Transfer from
Community Safety
- To take lead responsibility for the Council's corporate priority to achieve less crime and a safer community. Community Safety
- Crime prevention and reduction, including: Community Safety
 - ❖ Preparing and recommending a strategy for crime prevention and reduction in Portsmouth; monitoring its implementation and making recommendations from time to time to amend it focusing on the causes of crime
 - ❖ To promote, consider and approve schemes for crime prevention and reduction in Portsmouth; including publicity projects and campaigns, and the making of grants or loans for the purpose of promoting crime prevention in Portsmouth.
 - ❖ Closed circuit television (CCTV) systems.
 - ❖ Anti-social Behaviour Unit and related initiatives.
 - ❖ Community Wardens.
- To liaise and be responsible for relations with external bodies carrying out duties related to the Council's functions including the following: Community Safety
 - (a) The Police and Crime Commissioner
 - (b) Hampshire Combined Fire Authority
 - (c) Hampshire Magistrates' Courts Committees
 - (d) Coroner's Service
- Sports Ground Safety (excluding licensing provisions). Community Safety
- Trading Standards and associated matters Community Safety
- Environmental Health Business Support Community Safety
 - ❖ Food Labelling, Safety and Hygiene.
 - ❖ Smoke Free premises and vehicles
 - ❖ Infectious Disease Control
 - ❖ Port Health
 - ❖ Animal Health & Welfare
 - ❖ Health & Safety (non PCC related)
 - ❖ Community Funerals, compulsory removal of persons to care, exhumations
 - ❖ Miscellaneous Matters including registrations such as pet shops, riding establishments, dog boarding and tattooists
- Such other functions as may contribute towards the assessment and fulfilment of present and future needs in the field of public protection. Community Safety

- Grants and loans to voluntary bodies in respect of any of the functions listed above Community Safety
- Waste Management, Refuse collection and disposal (including the recycling of waste, the functions of the City Council as Waste Collection Authority and Waste Disposal Authority). Environment
- Cemeteries. Environment
- Street and beach cleansing. Environment
- Public conveniences. Environment
- Litter. Environment
- Dog fouling. Environment
- Stray dogs Environment
- Maritime oil pollution and its consequences. Environment
- Coast protection, sea defences and land drainage. Environment
- Environmental Health - Pollution Control
 - ❖ Statutory Nuisance; including complaints relating to domestic noise, fumes and gases, odours, insects and artificial light
 - ❖ Industrial, retail and entertainment noise
 - ❖ Air quality, clean air / smoke control
 - ❖ Environmental permitting
 - ❖ Site waste management
 - ❖ Pest control
- Dangerous land, buildings and other structures (minimal involvement but responsible for securing of dangerous land and buildings in order to prevent public access.) Environment
- To liaise and be responsible for relations with external bodies carrying out duties related to the Council's functions including the following: Environment
 - (a) Portsmouth and Gosport Joint Board
 - (b) Langstone Harbour Board
 - (c) Portchester Crematorium Joint Committee.
- Carbon reduction/sustainability/renewable energy Environment