

Commercial Team work plan for 2015-16

The Commercial Team is responsible for a wide range of functions which are covered briefly within the Service Plan. These include complaint driven work; inspections of higher risk premises based upon their risk rating, government guidance and intelligence; protection of vulnerable groups; administering applications under varying pieces of legislation; protection of the wider public from the impacts of emergencies and disease outbreaks; protection of the employees of Torbay Council and the safe running of public attended events. In addition to the routine work above, the key pieces of work being undertaken to help deliver this wide ranging agenda are

Inspect High Risk Premises – Inspect high risk premises according to relevant National Codes of Practice/Guidance.

Better Business for All (BBfA) - to develop a partnership with Torbay Businesses and businesses across the Local Enterprise Partnership area of Devon and Somerset. Working with the Better Regulators Development Office (BRDO) and the other County, Unitary and District authorities and business leaders.

Food Hygiene Rating Scheme – this programme of work, which has been very positively received and continues to reduced the overall risks associated with food premises across Torbay.

Compliance with Asbestos (Duty to Manage) – these inspections are undertaken when premises are inspected or visited for any other piece of work. This is a national requirement under statutory direction.

No Cold Calling Homes & Buy with Confidence – these pieces of work help to protect consumers, particularly more elderly residents in their home from rouge traders and poor trade's people.

Second Hand Car Sales – Second hand car sales is one of the most complained areas in the consumer world. This project builds of work from previous years to target these businesses/individuals who sale unroadworthy cars.

Childhood Obesity – to reduce the incident of child hood obesity in 5-6 & 10-11 year olds by working with cafes and takeaways. This work will be undertaken to support the Public Health team in their delivery against the local and national targets.

Safer Workplace Better Business packs – Working with a Government Department, a private sector partner and Exeter University, development continues on an interactive on line tool to aid businesses meet their statutory compliance with health and safety legislation with greater ease.

Licensing Policies – Both the Licensing and Gambling Act polices, both statutory requirements, need to be reviewed during 2015.