

HULL AND GOOLE PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY11<sup>th</sup> September 2024(Room 77, The Guildhall, Kingston upon Hull)PRESENT: -

Councillors Coward, Fudge, Henry, Pantelakis, Singh, Jeffreys, Patterson and Vickers.

IN ATTENDANCE: -

Sally Johnson (Chief Port Health Inspector), Annemarie Hamil (Chief Administrative Officer), Kayleigh Blaza (Accounting and Control Manager, Financial Planning) and Philip Todd (Democratic Services Officer).

<b>Minute No.</b>	<b>Business</b>
1892	<b>APOLOGIES</b>  Apologies were received from Councillor Pritchard.
1893	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>  No declarations of interest were made in respect of the items that follow below.
1894	<b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024</b>  <b>Agreed</b> – that, the minutes of the meeting of this Authority, held on 12th June 2024, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the chair.
1895	<b>BUDGET MONITORING 2024-2025</b>  The Treasurer and Chief Port Health Inspector submitted a report which informed members of the Authority's spending to the end of July 2024 compared to the approved budget and highlighted any anticipated variations to budget for the full year.  The Board was informed that, due to the slow start to the implementation of the new import controls nationally, business was not yet as usual, however, there had been a healthy income following the first quarter. The Authority showed an underspend of near to £765,000 compared to the approved budget due to the additional income and additional DEFRA grant funding. To sustain the workload in the long term, the Authority requires additional staffing which would be offset by the income generated by the imports. Current staffing levels are not sufficient to meet the demands of the new service and the increased volume of work. The Chief Port Health Inspector will continue to review recruitment needs as the service develops.

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	<b>Agreed</b> – That the Board note the contents of this report.
1896	<p><b>FOOD SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN 2024-25</b></p> <p>The Chief Port Health Inspector presented the Authority's annual Food Service Plan to the Board for approval.</p> <p>The Board were informed that the Food Standards Agency, in their monitoring and oversight role, require all Food Authority's to prepare an annual Food Service Delivery Plan which sets out the key functions and planned activities for the delivery of food hygiene and safety responsibilities.</p> <p>To protect consumers, the Authority is required to implement a programme of planned food hygiene interventions within food businesses within its areas of jurisdiction. These inspections are implemented based on the food safety risks presented by the business. Food sampling programmes are also delivered throughout the year and the Authority responds to and investigates food complaints.</p> <p>The Authority's new imported food control functions aim to facilitate trade whilst ensuring the safety of public and animal health by undertaking Official Controls at the Hull and Killingholme Border Control Posts in accordance with the Governments Border Target Operating Model. This includes controls of all products of animal origin (except live animals), high risk food of non-animal origin, organic products and plastic kitchenware consigned or originating from China or Hong Kong. Work to continue to implement the Governments longer term policy objectives at the Border will continue in 2024/25 and a longer-term sustainable resourcing model for this service will continue to be a key factor in the successful delivery of this service. The Chief Port Health Inspector continues to work closely with DEFRA, Cabinet Office, and the Food Standards Agency to ensure that adequate arrangements are in place to facilitate trade and protect consumers.</p> <p>Members asked about controls on products of a non-animal origin and where informed that this included controls on commodities such as cereals, fruit, nuts or anything identified with the potential to present a risk due to pesticides, toxins or moulds amongst other threats. The commodities would be targeted in accordance with Regulatory requirements and controlled at the border.</p> <p><b>Agreed</b> – That the Board approve the Food Service Plan for 2024-25.</p>
1897	<p><b>QUARTERLY SUMMARY MAY 2024 TO JULY 2024</b></p> <p>The Chief Port Health Inspector submitted a report which detailed the quarterly summary of the Authority's work in respect of inspections, notifications and investigations undertaken during the period May 2024 to July 2024.</p>

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	<p>The Board queried the increase in size of ships entering the Humber region. The Chief Port Health Inspector advised that due to changing industries and a surge in green energy locally, changes to shipping movements had been seen. The Board requested further information on the change in size of vessels that arrived in the Authority's area of jurisdiction.</p> <p>The Board were advised that Brexit had not resulted in a deterioration of the standards found on board vessels during inspections as ship sanitation standards are based on international Regulations.</p> <p>The main impact, from the PHA perspective was that imports from the EU were now subject to controls prior to entering GB. This has posed a huge challenge both for GB traders and regulators and for EU supply chains.</p> <p>The Board requested a site visit to Killingholme and Hull Border control posts.</p> <p><b>Agreed –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. That the Board note the contents of this report;</li> <li>b. That the Chief Port Health Inspector provide details to the Board on the change in size of vessels, and</li> <li>c. That the Chief Port Health Inspector work with the Democratic Services Officer to organise site visits to Killingholme and Hull Border Control Posts.</li> </ul>