

Continuing Statutory Service (Proposed Base Budget Reduction Targets) – Template 2			
BOP 010			
Service name: TRADING STANDARDS (BBR 096a/b/c/d/e/f)	Service description – please see below		
	2015/16 £m	2016/17 £m	2017/18 £m
Forecast before savings	2.472	2.529	2.610
Budgeted savings (cumulative)	-0.377	-0.416	-0.416
Planned net expenditure (Approved 2015 net budget)	2.095	2.113	2.194
August 15 monitoring position	0.140		
Demand variations (cumulative)		0.000	0.000
Price variations (cumulative)		-0.016	-0.035
Undeliverable savings (cumulative)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Loss of grant (cumulative)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Revised Resource Requirement	2.235	2.097	2.159
Additional savings target for approval (cumulative)	0.000	-0.048	-0.048
Revised proposed budget	2.235	2.049	2.111
Proposed risk reserve provision (discrete year)		0.000	0.000
Policy Decisions needed to deliver the target savings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No policy decision required, however operational efficiencies are proposed. 		
Impact on service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This service already has a prior year saving target of £416k. The proposed further staffing reduction will be managed across the whole service in order to ensure that resources can still be deployed to areas where intelligence led demands, emergency situations and related statutory requirements dictate a need and in order that associated risks can be managed. 		
Actions needed to deliver the target savings	<p>To reconfigure the entire trading standards service from April 2016.</p> <p>Statutory consultation process with Trades Unions with respect to potential for redundancies, January 2016.</p> <p>Consult staff on proposal/revised structure by 31st December 2015.</p> <p>Appointment to new structure and implementation as soon as practicable in 2016.</p>		
Equality Analysis	Click here to view document		

What does this service deliver?

Trading Standards is split into 5 keys areas of work:

Fair Trading:

Enforcement, prevention and education in line with the authority's responsibility and duty under legislations that deal with fair trading practices. This covers business operation, business and consumer transactions (including pricing, description of goods and services), trading practice, door step crime and intellectual property.

Zoonosis and Animal Welfare:

This service is an enforcement, preventative and guidance service in line with the county councils responsibility under the Animal Welfare Act 2006. Covering the treatment and transportation of animals,

including site visits to markets and other premises, the inspections focus on high risk premises only. Only complaints with either serious consequence or where it is unavoidable will result in an onsite visit.

Weights and Measure:

- Ensures that the weights and measuring equipment used in Lancashire is accurate and is not used fraudulently.
- Providing advice and support to business.
- Provide a chargeable calibration service for businesses and organisations.
- Undertaking inspections on high risk premises for example waste disposal/landfill.

Consumer Product Safety including Petroleum and Explosives:

Carries out the authority's duty under the various acts and regulations in relation to petrol and explosives, by visiting premises to ensure compliance, focusing on high risk premises only and providing advice and guidance. Complaints are responded to as required. Administer a licencing process for selling/storing fireworks and explosives as well as maintaining a list of registered sites.

Food Standards:

- Monitor food standards and composition at all stages of food production to ensure the composition is in line with the labelling.
- Provide advice and guidance to individuals and businesses
- Offer guidance to and register new food businesses
- Assess food standards, compliance at major food businesses
- Businesses signed up to Recipe for Health Award.
- Enforcement - seizure of non-compliant foods, issuing of prohibition notices, formal cautions and prosecution. This action would be as a result of a complaint or incident.