

Report to Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing
Report submitted by: Head of Trading Standards and Scientific Services
Date: 9 February 2016

Title of Report: Proposal to Charge for Membership of the Trading Standards Safe Trader Scheme

Brief Description:

The Trading Standards Service currently delivers the Safe Trader scheme, a membership scheme for home improvement businesses working in Lancashire which provides assurance to consumers that member businesses have signed up to a code of practice to deal fairly and honestly with customers and charge a reasonable price. The scheme assists legitimate businesses by signposting consumers to them, by provision of promotional materials and marketing and by mediating where necessary in disputes. In order to enable continued delivery of the scheme it is proposed that a charge be introduced for membership.

This is deemed to be a Key Decision and the provisions of Standing Order No 25 have been complied with.

Recommendation:

The Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing approved the recommendation as set out in the full report.

The full report is not available for publication as it contains exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. The report contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual. It is considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

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