

Progress against Port Health & Public Protection Key Objectives 2013-2014

Ref:	Objective	Progress to date
1	Balance the PH&PP Service budget for 2014-15 in the light of £250,000 unidentified savings/income.	<p>April – July 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Port Health Service Review is underway and will identify most of these savings. • Fees and Charges levied by PH&PP are being revised to increase income. • A service based review is also underway for Environmental Health and some posts are on a fixed term contract until this has been completed.
2	Introduce a focus group to ensure a consistent approach to enforcement throughout the Service.	<p>April – July 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations from different teams have been sought for representation on the group. • The Terms of Reference have been drafted. • The first meeting is scheduled for September.
3	Implement the review of the Port Health Service in preparation for the opening of the London Gateway Port and ensure the Service's operations continue in a safe, secure and uninterrupted manner.	<p>April – July 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposals have been presented to the staff and individual consultations are underway. • The impact of London Gateway opening is under constant review to ensure that sufficient resources are deployed to service the Port. • The inspection facilities have been completed and the lease agreed for the office. • Thamesport will no longer require a permanent presence, so some staff will transfer to London Gateway.
4	Continue to implement the Noise Strategy including deciding on options for Out of Hours service delivery.	<p>April – July 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of Hours Contract with Westminster CC extended to March 2014. • CoL Code of Practice for Construction and Deconstruction Sites revised and agreed. • Code of Practice for minimising noise from street works developed for Committee approval. • Noise Service Delivery Policy developed and agreed. • Broad input to integrate noise minimisation into draft Local Plan, Aldgate

		<p>Gyratory Scheme and draft new Street Scene Manual.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of M&CP / Planning Enforcement Protocol.
5	<p>Implement and comply with the requirements of the Health & Safety Executive's new National Local Authority Enforcement Code – Health and Safety at Work.</p>	<p>April – July 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance in line with the code as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) inspections of cooling towers are included on the list of permitted enforcement activities and are therefore continuing in the City as normal; and b) activities at Smithfield also fall within the list of activities and can therefore be subject to pro-active inspection. • Interventions at Smithfield focusing on uncontrolled risks and areas of evident concern in stakeholder areas. • The implications for the future of other health & safety enforcement activities by the City Corporation will be subject to a detailed report to Members at November's PH&ES Committee.
6	<p>Respond to any further legislative changes affecting the importation of animals at HARC to protect animal health and income streams.</p>	<p>April – July 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recently enacted Regulation (EU) 576/2013 should result in no major changes to work at the Animal Reception Centre. Discussions regarding animals carried as baggage continue with Defra and the Home Office.