



Financial Year	2017/18
Proposal no.	PH -2017-313
Directorate	Adult Services

### Savings Programme Pre-consultation Report

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Removal of Buy with Confidence Scheme</b>
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## 1 Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that members consider the proposal to cease the Buy with Confidence Scheme in order to achieve savings of £35k.

### Reason for recommendation

- 1.2 The Public Protection Service delivers a diverse range of statutory regulatory functions under environmental health, trading standards and licensing legislation. The Buy with Confidence Scheme is a non-statutory scheme which provides trading standards approval to reputable local businesses.

## 2 Background

- 2.1 Cabinet in November 2014 approved the introduction of the Buy with Confidence Scheme (BWC) and provided funding.
- 2.2 Great effort has been made to get local businesses interested and on the Scheme. Whilst there has been some interest shown, only two local businesses are currently signed up to be members of the Scheme. In light of this the investment does not provide value for money.

### 3 Financial Implications

The saving proposal is 100% of the total budget dedicated to the area of service affected.

3.1 Table 1 provides details of the cessation of the Buy with Confidence Scheme.

	Savings 2017/18		Savings 2018/19		Total savings	
	£k		£k		£k	
	On-going	One off	On-going	One off	On-going	One off
Employees	35				35	
Other Costs						
Income lost						
<b>Net savings</b>	<b>35</b>				<b>35</b>	
Additional income generated						
<b>Total savings</b>	<b>35</b>				<b>35</b>	
Implementation costs						
<b>Total savings less implementation costs</b>	<b>35</b>				<b>35</b>	

### 4 Asset implications

4.1 There are no asset implications arising from this report.

### 5 Voluntary Sector impact

5.1 There are no Voluntary Sector impacts arising from this report.

### 6 Consultation

6.1 Written consultation will be undertaken with the Scheme members, local businesses, the brand licence holder and staff.

6.2 The Council must ensure that it remains open minded throughout the consultation period to all alternative proposals and expressions of interest.

### **7 Alternatives considered**

7.1 Members could decide not to take the proposal forward and identify alternative savings proposals.

### **8 Risk Assessment Implications**

8.1 There are no significant risk implications arising from this report; the Buy with Confidence Scheme is a non-statutory service currently offered by the Council.

### **9 Legal Implications**

9.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report; the Buy with Confidence Scheme is a non-statutory service currently offered by the Council.

### **10 Personnel Implications**

10.1 Subject to any final decisions on the service delivery element of the proposals outlined within this report there may be personnel implications for the council's workforce and this consultation with the workforce will be undertaken in accordance with Council's Personnel Policy Framework.

### **11 Equalities Impacts**

#### **Workforce Equality Impacts Assessment**

11.1 The Council will undertake a Corporate Workforce Equality Impact Assessment based on those employees identified at risk of redundancy at the start of formal consultation which will commence in November 2016 and this will be reviewed against the current workforce profile.

#### **Equality/Community Impact Assessments**

11.2 There are no equality/community issues arising from this report; the scheme has only 2 current members and so the reassurance and choice offered to local consumers is minimal. Further details are provided in Appendix 1.

### EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR SAVINGS PROPOSALS

1. Please state the name of the officers leading the EIA
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2. Who has been involved in undertaking this assessment?
XXXXXX XXXXXX
3. What is the scope of this assessment?
This assessment considers the impact of the proposal to delete the post of Senior Public Protection Officer (Buy with Confidence).
4 a). What does the function currently do? b). Describe the needs which this service meets?
The post of Senior Public Protection Officer (Buy with Confidence) was tasked with developing and implementing the Buy with Confidence Scheme within Rochdale Borough.
5. What proposed changes do you wish to make?
The proposal is to cease the Buy with Confidence Scheme and delete the post of Senior Public Protection Officer (Buy with Confidence).
6. Who are the key stakeholders who may be affected by the proposed changes?
Buy with Confidence Scheme members Local Business Local Consumers
7. What impact will this proposal have on all the protected groups?
<b>Race Equality</b>

None of the functions carried out by this post are directly affected by ethnicity.
<b>Disabled People</b>
None of the functions carried out by this post are directly affected by disability.
<b>Carers</b>
None of the functions carried out by this post are directly affected by acting as a carer.
<b>Gender</b>
None of the functions carried out by this post are directly affected by gender.
<b>Age</b>
The Buy with Confidence Scheme can be of particular benefit to older people as they can be targeted by rogue traders.  The Scheme has only two local businesses signed up and so the reassurance and choice offered to older consumers is minimal.
<b>Armed Forces and Ex-Armed Forces Personnel</b>
None of the functions carried out by this post are directly affected by the military history of service users.
<b>Religion or Belief</b>
None of the functions carried out by this post are directly affected by the religion or belief of service users.
<b>Sexual Orientation</b>
None of the functions carried out by this post are directly affected by the sexual orientation of service users.
<b>Gender Reassignment</b>
None of the functions carried out by this post are directly affected by gender reassignment.
<b>Pregnant Women or Those on Maternity Leave or Those who have given Birth in the Previous 26 weeks</b>
None of the functions carried out by this post are directly affected by maternity issues.
<b>Marriage or Civil Partnership</b>
None of the functions carried out by this post are directly affected by the marital status of

service users.

### 8. Conclusions and Recommendations

#### What are the main conclusions and recommendations from this analysis?

The EIA confirms that the proposal will have no significant impact on the above protected groups.

### 9. In the box below please provide details of who you will consult with on the proposals, when you consult, and the methods which you will use to consult. In the box below

#### *The Consultation and Inclusion Methodology Used*

See Consultation Plan

### 10. Produce an action plan detailing the mitigation measures that you propose to put in place to address any adverse impacts.

Mitigation Measure	Action	Responsible Officer	Implementation Date	Review Date	Evaluation Measure