

Present: Councillor Bill Bilton (*in the Chair*),
Councillor Calum Watt, Councillor Jane Loffhagen,
Councillor Bill Mara, Councillor Mark Storer and
Councillor Pat Vaughan

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Liz Bushell

43. Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy

Simon Colburn, Assistant Director Health and Environment

- a. presented the revised Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy for consideration prior to referral to Executive
- b. advised that the Council had a statutory duty under Part 2A of the Environment Protection Act 1990 to deal with land contamination and to have an inspection strategy which set out the Councils approach
- c. explained that the Contaminated Land Capital Grants programme from Central Government was previously available to local authorities to bid for funds to carry out proactive investigations and remediations work. The funding programme had been withdrawn in 2013 and had subsequently not been replaced with an alternative
- d. advised that the refreshed strategy reflected the council current operational approach to focus on managing contaminated land through the planning and building control regimes and encouraging voluntary remediation by landowners rather than proactive part 2A inspections
- e. summarised the revised strategy and covered the following main areas:
 - i. Introduction
 - ii. Aims and Objectives
 - iii. Characteristics of Lincoln
 - iv. Strategic Inspection and Prioritisation
 - v. Detailed Inspection
 - vi. Broader Approach
- f. invited committees' questions and comments

Members asked if land was routinely checked for contamination as part of the planning process.

Simon Colburn, Assistant Director Health and Environment responded that areas of contaminated land were already known to the Council. All planning applications were checked and sites of potential concern and would be automatically flagged up if a planning application was within a zone or near to an area of contaminated land.

RESOLVED that the Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy be supported and referred to Executive for approval.

