

Overview from London

Meeting of Council

10 September 2009

Report from Graham Jukes, Chief Executive

1. Summary and recommendations

1.1 This report summarises the activities and progress in CIEH London led by the London Regional Policy Officer, Tay Potier. This report does not include the activities of the London Regional Management Board or related study groups.

1.2 Council is recommended to note the report.

2. Details

There have been a number of successes since the last report, with an additional bid to the FSA for implementation of Safer Food Better Business most recently being approved. The London Regional Policy Officer has continued to work to support environmental health in London and to raise the profile of the CIEH in the region and beyond.

The following provides an update:

2.1 Key work programme themes

2.1.1 Student development, recruitment and retention in London

- *Student Development Programme* – students in London have continued to be supported by the programme and sessions on the ELP continue to be in demand.
- *Student Consortium* – The scheme has continued to be extremely successful with a number of students going on to full and part-time paid employment within London boroughs. The annual review of the scheme is being conducted currently and recruitment for the 2010 cohort will be commenced shortly.
- *Other student support* - CIEH London and the London Student Development Officer have continued to support students in London and to try to maximise training opportunities.

2.1.2 Food safety

CIEH London continues to be involved in a number of programmes. These include:

- *Scores on the Doors* – CIEH London has continued to support this project and the 10th London Local Authorities Bill working as a key member of the Implementation Group.
- *Safer Food Better Business* – CIEH London is pleased to report that London has been awarded further grant funding for 2009/2010 to help implement the SFBB system in food businesses in the five Olympic host boroughs. The project links closely to the Scores on the Doors scheme with non-compliant food businesses being targeted. If further funding is available, it is intended that the project would roll out to the Olympic venue boroughs in future years. This project will launch in September 2009.
- *Olympics and Paralympics 2012* - CIEH London has continued to work with the Strategic Projects Director and the London Food Co-ordinating Group to help support ongoing work around capacity and capability, mobile catering and bed and breakfasts.
- *Healthy Eating Award* – CIEH London hosted a very successful workshop and produced a report which is being used to help direct future work in this area. The London Food Co-ordinating Group will be leading on this with support from CIEH London.
- *Other areas* – CIEH London continues to work as a member of the London Food Co-ordinating Group.

2.1.3 Health and safety

- CIEH London has engaged with the new Partnership Liaison Manager and continues to work closely with the HSE Local Authority Unit Partnership Project for London.
- In addition, CIEH London continues to work as a member of SHELL and the All-Boroughs Health and Safety Group to help to promote and prioritise health and safety enforcement within London
- CIEH London has also helped to formulate the programme for the annual ALEHM meeting to ensure members are aware of current and upcoming issues.

2.1.4 Environmental/Sustainability

- *Engagement with the GLA* - CIEH London and London Region study groups have been working with the GLA to help develop a London-wide Code of Practice on Construction Noise.
- *LANAF* - CIEH London has continued to attend LANAF and led support to the group. The structure of this group may change in future, and CIEH London will look to assist this process.
- *Greener Food Hubs* – CIEH London is working with London Sustainability Exchange to lend support this project which has currently applying for funding.

2.1.5 Housing

- *The London Housing Strategy* – A consultation response has been prepared and sent to the Mayor of London on the London Housing Strategy. A copy of the response is available on the CIEH and Regional websites.

2.1.6 Contingency planning

- *London Resilience* – CIEH London continues to be involved in the London Resilience Forum chaired by the Government Office for London.
- *Scientific and Technical Advisory Cell (STAC)* – CIEH London and ALEHM continues to work with the HPA Emergency Planning Team and a proposal for environmental health involvement has just been agreed to define and strengthen environmental health involvement into the STAC in London. Training in this area is being planned and undertaken in September and October 2009.

2.1.7 Public health

- *Joint London EHP* – the project is now part way through completion of phase 1 with the survey of environmental health department ID leads concluded. The report is now being written with recommendations for future work and recruitment for this second phase will commence shortly. The project has been selected for poster exhibition at both London and national conferences. The current postholder also had a full page feature in EHP on her role.
- *Smoke free London and NE London Alliance* – CIEH London has continued to be involved in the Department of Health funded project on shisha bars as part of the project board. A survey of local authorities has been conducted and results are being collated into the report. The project group will then produce guidance for operators, users and enforcement officers on this area and a national seminar is being planned to publicise the outcomes in 2010.
- CIEH London maintains involvement in the following areas:
 - *UK Voluntary register for defined specialists* - overview and support for London applicants within environmental health. Watching brief maintained.
 - *London Teaching Public Health Network* - involvement in a London network to support and develop public health training.
 - *London Health Commission* - representing environmental health on the urban regeneration and inequalities task force.
 - *London Regional School Food Group* – involvement in a London regional network on school food.

2.1.8 Strategy and regional development/support

- *Benchmarking* – this work is currently under review pending the CIPFA/LBRO project around environmental health indicators.
- *ALEHM* – CIEH London Policy Officer has continued to work very closely with ALEHM as a Director and currently chairs the meetings.
- *London Region* – CIEH London continues to work to support the Housing Policy and Renewal, Food, Health and Safety and Pollution study groups operating in London as necessary.

3. Implications

Environmental:	None
Equal opportunities:	None
Financial:	Within existing resources
Legal:	None
Personnel:	Within existing resources
Public health:	None
Public relations:	None
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