

Report of the Chief Executive

MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING STATEMENT1. Purpose of report

To advise Committee of a proposed Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement.

2. Detail

The Modern Slavery Act 2015 (the Act) consolidates various offences relating to human trafficking and slavery.

Section 54 of the Act imposes a legal duty on commercial organisations, which supply goods and/or services from or to the UK and have a global turnover of more than £36 million, to publish a slavery and human trafficking statement each financial year. Broxtowe Borough Council engages in commercial activities by providing services (some of which are statutory and some discretionary) and its annual turnover is greater than the specified £36 million.

Whilst the Modern Slavery Act 2015 does not state that Local Authorities specifically are included in those organisations legally required to publish a statement, many do so as a matter of good practice. Up until 31st January 2018, 43 Councils had published a statement.

It is considered that Broxtowe Borough Council should be keen to raise awareness of slavery and human trafficking and as a large scale local employer and provider of services, should make its position of zero tolerance in respect of slavery and trafficking clear and unequivocal.

A proposed Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement 2017-18 is attached at appendix 1. An extract from the Act giving details of the requirement is attached at appendix 2. An Equalities Impact Assessment has been included at appendix 3. Comments from colleagues in Legal and Procurement have been incorporated into the proposed statement.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement 2017-18 be approved.

Background papers

Nil