

Title of Report:	REGULATORY EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2019
Committee Report Submitted To:	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Date of Meeting:	06 August 2019
For Decision or For Information	For Information

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	Innovation and Transformation
Outcome	Recognition of Innovation
Lead Officer	Head of Health & Built Environment

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	Not Applicable
Included in Current Year Estimates	No
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

This report is to inform of the success by Councils Environmental Health Department, as a member of the Northern Ireland Environmental Health Consumer Protection Sub Group, who won an award for excellence in the Product Safety category at the Regulatory Excellence Awards 2019.

2.0 Background (to include any previous decisions of Council)

The winners have been announced in the Regulatory Excellence Awards 2019 organised by the Office for Product Safety and Standards. The Awards took place on 20 June 2019 in London and recognise regulatory organisations, individuals, businesses and trade associations that have achieved positive outcomes through good practice.

There were four entry categories:

- Primary Authority
- Product Safety
- Better Business for All
- Innovation and Technical (including metrology and hallmarking)

Entries were judged under the following areas:

- outstanding partnership or organisation;
- champions who have gone the extra mile in their respective field; and
- impact makers, who have made the biggest difference for their citizens and business communities.

Council's Environmental Health Department is an active member of the Northern Ireland Environmental Health Consumer Protection Sub Group which won the Award for Excellence in the Product Safety category.

The award was for a collaborative project which brought together the Environmental Health departments of all 11 Northern Ireland Councils, the Department for the Economy, Trading Standards Service for Northern Ireland and the General Dental Council to deliver a targeted social media campaign informing citizens and industry on the health risks of unsafe tooth whitening products and services. Over 1700 letters were issued by the regulators and a media campaign featuring a video was released via social media and publicised on council websites.

OPSS Chief Executive Graham Russell said: "All the entries show the immense hard work being put in by regulatory teams across the UK, and our judges faced a considerable challenge in deciding which ones demonstrated that extra bit of spark or innovation to put them through to the final.

The finalists ranged from small Trading Standards teams to National Regulators to large and small businesses, and getting to this stage is a mark of merit in itself.

Our external judging panel had quite a task in choosing those finalists that are outstanding.”

Mr Russell recently attended a meeting of SOLACE to acknowledge and highlight the important work being done by the Environmental Health Northern Ireland Consumer Protection (EHNI CP) Sub Group.

A copy of the certificate has been provided to the Consumer Protection team and further promotion of the award is planned in the near future.