

INFORMATION ITEM

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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE	9 JANUARY 2018	10
ST ANNES BATHING WATERS 2017			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

The purpose of this report is to provide an update of the water quality at the two St Annes Bathing Waters.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Environment Agency Bathing Water data.

Directive 2006/7/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council 15th February 2006. Concerning the management of bathing water quality.

Statutory Instrument 2013 No 1675, Water Resources.

The Bathing Water Regulations 2013.

LINK TO INFORMATION

- **United Utilities Bathing Waters Map**

<http://www.unitedutilities.com/Bathing-Waters-Map.aspx>

- **Environment Agency Bathing Water Data**

[Information Note – St Annes Bathing Waters 2017](#)

- **2017 Bathing Water Profile for St Annes**

<http://environment.data.gov.uk/bwq/profiles/profile.html?site=ukd4303-41800>

- **2017 Bathing Water Profile for St Annes North**

<http://environment.data.gov.uk/bwq/profiles/profile.html?site=ukd4303-41900>

WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

This information is provided to enable the committee to consider and scrutinise the latest position on Bathing Water quality.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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1. The Environment Agency are responsible for implementation of the bathing waters directives, monitoring and reporting on water quality and insuring action is taken to meet the appropriate standards for the directives throughout the UK. They also regulate discharges to the aquatic environment.
2. Fylde Borough Council operates two controlled bathing waters one at St Anne's Pier and the other is St Anne's North adjacent to North beach car park. During the bathing season 1st May to 30th September the Council are responsible for the provision of public information about the bathing waters being displayed in an easily acceptable place in the vicinity of the bathing waters. This includes the provision of public information to prevent exposure to pollution during short term incidents and advise against bathing where the bathing water does not meet the sufficient standard.
3. Changes were made from 2012 with the introduction of the revised Bathing Water Directive. Under the new regulations the revised directive sets guideline standards for Escherichia coli and intestinal enterococci.
4. The standards used at the end of the 2017 bathing season give an overall assessment of all water quality taken over a four year period (2014 to 2017) 80 samples, 20 per year.
5. The new standard has four classifications:-

Excellent, Good, Sufficient, Poor.

The EU directive requires member states to ensure that, by the end of the 2015 bathing season, all bathing waters are at least **sufficient** each year.

The table below indicates the different parameters for bathing water quality.

Parameter	Excellent	Good	Sufficient
Escherichia coli (cfu/100ml)	<250 (*)	<500 (*)	<500 (**)
Intestinal enterococci (cfu/100ml)	<100 (*)	<200 (*)	<185 (**)
(*) Based upon a 95-percentile evaluation			
(**) Based upon a 90-percentile evaluation			

cfu = colony-forming unit

E.coli should not exceed 500cfu per 100ml based upon a 90-percentile evaluation of samples.

Intestinal enterococci should not exceed 185cfu per 100ml based upon a 90-percentile evaluation of samples.

6. The Environment Agency has been working with Fylde Council again this year to make daily predictions of pollution risks at our bathing waters during the 2017 bathing season. These inform the public of increased pollution risk through signs displayed at bathing waters. These warnings are short term pollution events that have clearly identifiable causes which are not normally expected to affect bathing water quality for more than approximately 72 hours. Where pollution risk forecasts have coincided with statutory bathing water sampling and if all conditions are met there is a potential for discounting samples at the end of the season. A maximum of 3 samples can be discounted per bathing season. Three samples have been discounted at St Annes Pier in accordance with Article 3(6) of the bathing water directive during the 2017 season and three samples were discounted at St Annes North bathing water.
7. The Fylde coast has eight bathing waters and the table below indicates this year's results, showing their improvement over the last five years.

Bathing water area	2013 results	2014 results	2015 results	2016 results	2017 results
Fleetwood	Poor	Poor	Excellent	Good	Good
Cleveleys	Poor	Poor	Poor	Good	Good
Bispham	Sufficient	Sufficient	Sufficient	Good	Good
Blackpool North	Poor	Poor	Good	Sufficient	Good
Blackpool Central	Poor	Poor	Sufficient	Good	Good
Blackpool South	Poor	Good	Excellent (Blue Flag status)	Excellent	Excellent
St Annes North	Poor	Good	Excellent	Good	Good
St Annes Pier	Poor	Good	Good	Good	Good



8. The Bathing Water classification for St Annes Pier and St Annes North are both classed as good for 2017. It is the second time that all Fylde coast bathing waters have passed the tougher standards that were introduced last year, and proves a huge improvement in sea water quality across the Fylde Coast. The tables in the appendix shows the results for 2016-2017

9. This year's classifications are the result of a remarkable turnaround for the Fylde coast resort's beaches, where heavy investment coupled alongside work with businesses, communities and public sector partners has contributed to making sure we have a coastline to be proud of.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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Appendix 1

St Annes North Bathing Water 2017

NO	Sample taken	escherichia coli colonies/100ml	intestinal enterococci colonies/100ml
101	08/05/2017 10:12	10	10
102	16/05/2017 13:02	10	10
103	23/05/2017 10:21	10	10
104	26/05/2017 11:50	5700	300
105	09/06/2017 11:44	430	109
106	12/06/2017 12:45	100	18
107	14/06/2017 14:56	55	10
108	22/06/2017 10:02	370	370
109	26/06/2017 13:49	64	109
110	05/07/2017 10:12	18	10
111	10/07/2017 12:40	73	27
112	14/07/2017 14:20	10	10
113	23/07/2017 11:20	127	136
114	26/07/2017 12:22	380	164
115	06/08/2017 11:25	240	55
116	11/08/2017 13:15	260	64
117	21/08/2017 10:35	145	73
118	25/08/2017 12:44	420	220
119	04/09/2017 10:45	218	18
120	11/09/2017 13:00	1600	280

St Annes North Bathing Water 2016

NO	Sample taken	escherichia coli colonies/100ml	intestinal enterococci colonies/100ml
81	03/05/2016 09:30	10	10
82	19/05/2016 11:19	10	10
83	23/05/2016 12:20	10	10
84	25/05/2016 13:40	10	18
85	02/06/2016 10:20	10	10
86	08/06/2016 14:20	27	10
87	17/06/2016 10:35	55	55
88	21/06/2016 12:55	18	10
89	24/06/2016 14:20	580	100
90	03/07/2016 10:55	490	118
91	06/07/2016 14:05	45	27
92	18/07/2016 11:40	91	10
93	22/07/2016 13:00	200	370
94	01/08/2016 11:45	64	45
95	05/08/2016 13:50	64	91
96	15/08/2016 10:25	45	10
97	18/08/2016 12:45	36	36
98	30/08/2016 11:05	720	122
99	04/09/2016 15:15	118	18
100	15/09/2016 11:20	1100	200

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101	08/05/2017 10:21	10	10
102	16/05/2017 13:15	10	10
103	23/05/2017 10:10	10	10
104	26/05/2017 12:10	73	73
105	09/06/2017 11:54	220	36
106	12/06/2017 12:55	127	10
107	14/06/2017 15:04	27	10
108	22/06/2017 10:12	280	94
109	26/06/2017 14:05	250	36
110	05/07/2017 10:30	18	10
111	10/07/2017 12:55	100	27
112	14/07/2017 14:35	18	10
113	23/07/2017 11:00	64	55
114	26/07/2017 12:41	100	45
115	06/08/2017 11:40	250	164
116	11/08/2017 13:25	155	55
117	21/08/2017 10:45	510	240
118	25/08/2017 13:15	580	270
119	04/09/2017 11:05	91	18
120	11/09/2017 12:45	650	173

St Annes Pier Bathing Water 2016

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81	03/05/2016 09:40	10	27
82	19/05/2016 11:05	10	10
83	23/05/2016 12:10	10	10
84	25/05/2016 13:30	10	18
85	02/06/2016 10:16	109	10
86	08/06/2016 14:10	45	280
87	17/06/2016 10:25	36	10
88	21/06/2016 12:45	18	82
89	24/06/2016 14:10	10	10
90	03/07/2016 10:45	340	64
91	06/07/2016 14:00	127	55
92	18/07/2016 11:30	45	109
93	22/07/2016 13:10	300	90
94	01/08/2016 12:00	10	27
95	05/08/2016 14:00	10	36
96	15/08/2016 10:10	100	10
97	18/08/2016 13:00	64	27
98	30/08/2016 10:45	240	27
99	04/09/2016 15:00	109	10
100	15/09/2016 11:10	360	400