

fact sheet



Filthy and Verminous Premises

The Council have powers to deal with properties that are deemed to be filthy and or verminous under the Public Health Act 1936.

In order to determine if a property is filthy and or Verminous an inspection of the property would need to be undertaken.

To be considered filthy the conditions need to be fairly extreme such as accumulations of faeces or large accumulations of food waste in the property or within the garden of the property.

If officers determine that the property is in a filthy and or verminous condition then the Council is able to serve a Notice on the owner/occupier requiring them to take steps to clean it up. If the work is not carried out then the Council may carry out the work and recover the costs of doing so from the owner/occupier.

The Public Health team are unable to deal with properties that are an eyesore. The planning department may be able to assist.