

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2015/2016 REPORT NO.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

PORTFOLIO DECISION OF:
Cabinet Member for Environment

REPORT OF:
Director – Regeneration &
Environment

Agenda – Part: 1

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Subject: FOOD SERVICE PLAN 2015/16

Wards: All

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Food Standards Agency Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement made under the Food Standards Act 1990 sets out mandatory guidance on Local Authority Food Safety performance and service planning. It also requires that the Food Service Plan be submitted annually to Members for approval.
- 1.2 The Food Service Plan 2015/16 which requires approval is Annexed to this document at Appendix B.
- 1.3 Appendix A contains further information regarding the food safety service specifically required by the Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law enforcement.
- 1.4 Once approved the Food Service Plan 2015/16 will be published on the Council's website.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Environment agree the Food Service Plan 2015/16 (appendix B) as is a requirement of the Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement is detailed in Appendix A: 2015/2016- Additional information required by the Food Standards Agency Framework Agreement.
- 3.2 The food team is part of the Consumer Protection team which comprises of food safety; health and safety; trading standards and licensing.
- 3.3 Documents included:
 - Appendix B: 2015/2016 Food Service Plan

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None

5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Member approval of the Food Safety Service Plan is required by the Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement.

6. COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, RESOURCES AND CUSTOMER SERVICES, AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS

6.1 Financial Implications

2015/2016 food team budget allocation £363,670.00.

6.2 Legal Implications

The submission of the annual Food Service Plan for appropriate Member approval is a requirement of the Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement issued by the Food Standards Agency pursuant to the Food Standards Act 1999. Once approved the plan will form the basis on which the Council carries out food safety services.

6.3 Property Implications

None

7. KEY RISKS

- 7.1 Identified service pressures and risk management issues to the performance of the service plan include:
- 7.2 Unforeseen major incidents e.g. infectious disease outbreaks; major food alerts/incidents; major health and safety accidents/incidents. These risks are moderately likely to occur, and the work programme and staffing will be adjusted to deal with such emergencies if they arise.
- 7.3 The team will no longer support non statutory work, for example promotion of healthy eating initiatives.
- 7.4 Each activity on the service plan will be monitored quarterly and in some cases monthly.

8. IMPACT ON COUNCIL PRIORITIES

8.1 Fairness for All

The Team is dedicated to working with businesses and partners to create a fair and equitable trading environment and to ensure the protection of public health.

8.2 Growth and Sustainability

The Team support businesses through a variety of education, advice and targeted enforcement. Enforcement is always taken having regard to the enforcement policy. Legally compliant businesses will grow, develop and provide economic benefits that will hopefully result in increased employment of local residents.

8.3 Strong Communities

The Team support this through a variety of mechanisms including:

Empowerment of consumers to make informed choices in relation to the food they purchase and consume through the promotion of the Food Standards Agency National Food Hygiene Ratings Scheme

9. EQUALITY IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

Corporate advice has been sought in regard to equalities and an agreement has been reached that an equalities impact assessment is neither relevant nor proportionate for the approval of this report

10. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The Food Standards Agency Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law enforcement requires the Council to plan, manage and deliver its food law enforcement services. The Food Standards Agency requires the performance against the plan required to be reviewed by the Council at least once a year and submitted for appropriate member approval.

11. PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

Protection of public health through prevention of food poisoning outbreaks through managed programme of risk rated inspections.

Background Papers

- Appendix C: 2014/2015 Food Team Service Plan Review
- Appendix D: 2015/2016 Sampling Policy
- Appendix E: 2015/2016 Sampling Review
- Appendix F 2015/16 Sampling Programme