
REPORT OF
THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR PLACE

TO
LEAD MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

ON 13th May 2019

TITLE: Food Safety and Feed Plans 2019/20

RECOMMENDATIONS: That the Lead Member approves the:-

1. Food Safety and Feed Plan for 2019-20. This plan also incorporates a review of the 2018-2019 performance.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

1. The Food Standards Agency requires each Local Authority to produce a Food and Feed Service Plan in accordance with the guidelines set out in the Agency's Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement (April 2010).
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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None

KEY DECISION: No

DETAILS:

1. Food and Feed Service Plan

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) requires each Local Authority to produce a Food and Feed Service Plan in accordance with the guidelines set out in the Agency's Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement published in April 2010.

Local Authorities are periodically audited against this agreement.

The Framework Agreement details what should be included in the service plan, which is designed to demonstrate a broad range of activities which include:-

- The planned inspection programme for businesses
- A review of performance to address any variance from meeting the targets set out in the plan
- How the Council deals with complaints and requests for service
- Sampling programmes
- Activities directed to promoting food standards and safety issues.

Whilst the local Food Service Plan is an expression of our commitment to develop the food service, the FSA will use the information contained in the plan to assess our delivery of the service and compare our performance against other authorities. The FSA has legal powers to take over the management of the food service from local authorities who fail to meet performance standards.

KEY COUNCIL POLICIES: Health

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND IMPLICATIONS: The service has regard to the ability of business proprietors to understand written and spoken English. Where necessary, written and verbal translations are provided.

ASSESSMENT OF RISK: Low.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The City Council has a statutory duty to produce annual Food Service and Feed Plan. The FSA has the legal power to take over the management of the food service from local authorities who fail to achieve satisfactory levels of performance in terms of the enforcement of food standards and food hygiene legislation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The requirements of the FSA can be met within existing budgets.

PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS: None

HR IMPLICATIONS:

The plans can be met within existing officer resources.

OTHER DIRECTORATES CONSULTED: None

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WARDS TO WHICH REPORT RELATES: All