

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:**           **CABINET**

**DATE:**               **TUESDAY, 18 JUNE 2013**

**REPORT BY:**       **DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT**

**SUBJECT:**           **FOOD SERVICE PLAN**

**1.00   PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.01   To seek Member approval for the Food Service Plan for Flintshire County Council, which the Constitution Committee of the Council determined should be approved at Executive level in January 2011, as per The Framework Agreement on Official Feed and Food Controls by Local Authorities (Amendment 5 April 2010).

**2.00   BACKGROUND**

2.01   Local Authorities throughout the U.K. have been directed by the Food Standards Agency to take the necessary action to implement the Framework Agreement on the Local Authority Food Law Enforcement. This Framework Agreement became operational from 1st April 2001. The Framework has been developed to ensure consistent food law enforcement service throughout the country.

**3.00   CONSIDERATIONS**

3.01   The Service Plan, a copy of which is attached as Appendix A, has been produced by Officers of the Health Protection Service within Public Protection in line with the model format contained within the Framework Agreement. It outlines the proposals for service delivery for the period 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014 as well as a review of the Service Plan for 2012 with overall performance for 2012 to 2013 shown as Appendix 3 within the Service Plan.

3.02   The elements of the Food Service, namely Food Safety, Food Standards and Animal Feeding Stuffs, sit under two Team Leaders, both under the responsibilities of the Health Protection Manager within the Public Protection Service.

**3.03   Key Achievements for 2012/2013 are as follows:**

- The team achieved its targets of 100% High Risk inspections for Food Safety and 100% for High Risk Food Standards Inspections.

- The new business inspections target of 87% for Food Safety was exceeded, achieving an actual figure of 89%. The new business target of 70% for Food Standards was exceeded, achieving an actual figure of 71%.
- The percentage of businesses broadly compliant with Food Hygiene legislation was maintained at just over 83%.
- The Team submitted successful bids for approximately £10,000 of grant funding from the Food Standards Agency England and Food Standards Agency Wales for Food Standards Sampling Surveys. Sampling work from this grant funding has resulted in several indepth investigations into Food Authenticity which are on-going.
- The percentage of Significant Breaches rectified within the year for Food Standards legislation has improved since last year to achieve 84%.
- The Horsemeat in Beef Products issue had a major impact on the team in the last quarter of the year resulting in both increased Food Sampling and Auditing activity, with both Iceland Foods Ltd and another manufacturer within Flintshire being directly affected.
- A successful Business and Regulators Forum, facilitated by the Better Regulation Delivery Office, was held in August 2012, as a collaborative project between Flintshire County Council and Wrexham County Borough Council.

3.04 **Key Targets for 2013/2014 are as follows:**

- To achieve 100% of all High Risk Food Hygiene and Food Standards inspections.
- To successfully implement the Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Act 2013.
- To inspect 30% of lower risk Food Hygiene premises to provide them with a Food Hygiene Rating.
- To revisit all 0, 1 and 2 rated premises in accordance with the All Wales Revisit Policy.
- To carry out proactive Food Standards Sampling Surveys for Food Authenticity and Food Adulteration.

- To contribute to the development of proposals for regional collaboration across Public Protection Services.

#### **4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.01 That Members approve the Food Service Plan 2013/2014.

#### **5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.01 The cost of implementing the agreement in Food Law Enforcement will be met within the existing Environment Directorate budget.

#### **6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT**

6.01 None.

#### **7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

7.01 None.

#### **8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT**

8.01 The Plan seeks to ensure food is safe for consumption by all.

#### **9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

9.01 None.

#### **10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED**

10.01 N/A

#### **11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN**

11.01 N/A

#### **12.00 APPENDICES**

12.01 Appendix 1 – Food Service Plan 2013/2014

#### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None.

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