

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **CABINET**

DATE: **TUESDAY, 14 JULY 2015**

REPORT BY: **CHIEF OFFICER (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT)**

SUBJECT: **FOOD SERVICE PLAN 2015-16 FOR FLINTSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL**

1.00 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.01 To seek Member approval for the Food Service Plan 2015-16.

2.00 **BACKGROUND**

2.01 Local Authorities throughout the U.K. have been directed by the Food Standards Agency (FSA) 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 available in the Members' Library and on the website, has been produced by officers of the Health Protection Service within the Planning and Environment portfolio in line with the model format contained within the Framework Agreement. It outlines the proposals for service delivery for the period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016 as well as a review of the Service Plan for 2014 with overall performance for 2014 to 2015 shown as Appendix 3 within the Service Plan.

3.02 The elements of the Food Service, namely Food Safety, Food Standards and Animal Feed, sit under two Team Leaders, both under the responsibilities of the Health Protection Manager within the Planning and Environment portfolio.

3.03 **Key Achievements for 2014/15 are as follows:**

Sustained progress with achieving actions contained within the FSA action plan following receipt of the final FSA audit report in July 2014.

Many actions are completed.

Achieving 100% of all Food Hygiene, Food Standards and Feedstuffs High Risk inspections.

Notable improvement in the number of food businesses Broadly Compliant with Food Hygiene legislation to a very pleasing total of 95.6% of Flintshire businesses achieving this standard.

Collaborative work with other North Wales Local Authorities and FSA to produce and introduce the North Wales Feed Enforcement Delivery Plan (NWFEDP) for implementation from 1st April 2015.

Training of Trading Standards Enforcement Officers to ensure compliance with the competence requirements of the revised Feed Law Enforcement Code of Practice (FLECP) Wales 2014, in order to provide resilience in the participation in regional feed service delivery.

Provision of comprehensive advice to businesses on the major change in Food Standards legislation which came in to force in December 2014 by running numerous workshops relating to allergen labelling requirements.

Delivery of Food Hygiene and Food Safety Management System training in the medium of Turkish to 30 food handlers within Flintshire and Wrexham, funded by FSA Wales as part of the regional Environmental Health collaboration projects.

Successful prosecution of a takeaway businesses for offences under The Food Safety Act 1990 for the misdescription of food containing peanut allergen.

Key Targets for 2015-16 are as follows:

Achieve 100% of all High Risk inspections for Food Hygiene, Food Standards and Feed.

Delivering the North Wales Regional Collaborative Working project in poorer performing premises in relation to Food Hygiene, which it is hoped will be funded by the FSA Food Safety Management System grant.

Continuation of the collaborative approach to feed service delivery across North Wales as part of the FSA Wales funded North Wales Feed Enforcement Delivery Plan.

Delivering the Food Standards Sampling programme as part of the regional North Wales Trading Standards Collaboration project.

Following the project undertaken in February 2015 on the non-display

of Food Hygiene Rating stickers, continuation of this work to include potential enforcement action for the non-display of Food Hygiene Rating stickers.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 That Members approve the Food Service Plan 2015/2016.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 The cost of implementing the agreement in Food Law Enforcement will be met within the existing Planning and Environment portfolio 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 N/A

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 N/A

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 N/A

12.00 APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Food Service Plan 2015/2016 (available in the Members' Library)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None.

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