

Subject:	Official Feed and Food Controls Service Plan 2020/21		
Date of Meeting:	17th March 2020		
Report of:	Interim Executive Director, Neighbourhoods, Communities & Housing		
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Ward(s) affected:	(All Wards);		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

1.1 To agree the Official Feed and Food Controls Service Plan.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That the committee agrees the Official Feed and Food Controls Service Plan 2020/2021 set out in the appendix to this report.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- 3.1 The Food Standards Agency's Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement requires the production and publication of a service plan. Every local authority is required to develop an annual food enforcement service plan, which provides the basis on which local authorities are monitored and audited by the Food Standards Agency.
- 3.2 To ensure local transparency and accountability, it is a requirement that the Official Feed and Food Controls Service Plan is submitted to the relevant member forum for approval.
- 3.3 The attached plan (Appendix A) is an integral part of the organisation of Regulatory Services.
- 3.4 In accordance with the standard outlined in the Framework Agreement the food service is a mix of enforcement, intelligence based work, investigation and education. Key performance targets are completion of 98% of programmed food safety interventions, 90% of service requests responded to within 5 days and 95% of food businesses being deemed 'Broadly Compliant' ie having a Food Hygiene Rating Score of 3 out of 5 or better.
- 3.5 In addition, areas of current good practice, and opportunities for further improvement, have been identified, both in Food Safety and Food Standards, in section 6.3 of the Service Plan. The targeting of resources to these areas of work aims to provide a balanced mix of services, which is most likely to benefit the business sector,

consumers and other stakeholders. The service will continue to focus enforcement action on the poorer performing businesses.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 The plan and activities detailed within it are legally required to comply with the Food Law Code of Practice.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The planning process is governed by the national Food Safety Framework Agreement and so follows the same format each year. In past years draft plans have been circulated to the Brighton & Hove Food Partnership, the Brighton & Hove Citizens panel and Regulatory Services Peer Review.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 That the committee agrees the Official Feed and Food Controls Service Plan 2020/2021 set out in the appendix to this report.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 7.1 The costs associated with implementing and enforcing the proposed Official Feed and Food Controls Service Plan 2020/21 will be met from within the Food Safety revenue budget within Safer Communities services. The proposed 2020/21 net budget for the Food Safety service is £0.499m, subject to agreement by Budget Council on 27th February 2020.

Finance Officer Consulted: Michael Bentley

Date: 05/02/20

Legal Implications:

- 7.2 The Food Standards Agency places a requirement on local authorities to develop and submit a service plan. Local authorities are audited and assessed by the Food Standards Agency on the basis of their food law enforcement service as provided for in their Service Plans. The Food Safety Act 1990 (Code of Practice) places a requirement on local authorities to operate an inspection rating scheme, which determines frequency of intervention of food premises. The Official Feed and Food Controls Service Plan 2020/21 identifies the planned number of interventions for that period.

Lawyer consulted: Elizabeth Culbert

Date 05/02/2020

Equalities Implications:

- 7.3 An Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken. See 2.4.6 of appendix 1 for profile of the ethnicity of food business proprietors where notified during the year 2016/17. The service is mindful of the greater assistance food business operators require where their first language is not English. Written information, translation and

interpreting services are employed where necessary to assist businesses to comply with regulatory requirements.

Any Other Significant Implications:

Public Health Implications:

- 7.4 The Food and Feed Service Plan is seen as key to protecting public health in the City. It is in line with the stated outcome to 'reduce health inequalities and long standing public health issues' as part of the priority of tackling inequalities which states that 'we will continue with high profile enforcement of food and health and safety rules, maintaining our excellent record of environmental health improvements.'

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Draft Official Feed and Food Controls Service Plan 2020/2021

Background Documents

1. None

