

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Environment and Highways Cabinet Board

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Report of the Head of Planning and Public Protection

N. Pearce

Matter for Information

Wards Affected: *All Wards*

Report Title

Environmental Health And Trading Standards

Food And Feed Service Delivery Plan 2016 / 17

The Food & Feed Law Enforcement Review 2015 - 2016

Purpose of Report

1. To inform Members of the work plan for 2016 / 17 of the Authority's Food and Feed enforcement service and the review of the Food and Feed enforcement service for 2015 -16.

Executive Summary

2. This report seeks to inform Members of the work plan for the Food and Feed enforcement service for 2016 / 17 and the work the service achieved in 2015/16.

Background

3. The Food & Feed Delivery Plan 2016 -2017 is required under the Food Safety Act. It sets the scene for the enforcement function locally, whilst recognising national priorities. It sets the hierarchy of priorities for which the service is responsible, and indicates the range of interventions which are designed to maximise the health gain and public protection from the resources available.

The aims and objectives of the food and feed law enforcement service are:

- To help to maintain a safe and healthy environment in the County Borough.
 - To ensure food and feed produced or consumed within the area does not present a risk to health and to take action to prevent it entering or limiting its introduction to the food chain.
 - To ensure the effective control of feed destined for consumption by animals entering the food chain and pet animals.
 - To encourage good practices in food safety, food & feed standards and fair-trading, and to take action to discourage practices which are unfair to other traders or threaten health.
 - To enforce the relevant environmental health and trading standards legislation by means of interventions at premises in the County Borough, e.g. sampling, investigation of complaints, intelligence led investigations and surveys, malpractices and cases of food poisoning.
 - To ensure that resources are targeted where they are most effective and address areas of highest public health risk.
 - To respond to requests for advice and to seek to raise awareness of food safety and food & feed standards issues.
 - To help business owners to comply with their obligations under food & feed legislation and to take appropriate action as per the enforcement policy against those who will not.
4. The authority must carry out an annual food and feed law enforcement performance review as part of the Framework Agreement (2010) between the local Authority and the Food Standards Agency.

The framework agreement sets out the planning and delivery requirements of feed and food official controls, based on the existing statutory Codes of Practice.

The performance review considers the various requirements of “The Standard”, which include planned inspections / interventions, sampling, service requests and complaints, promotional work, training of staff and monitoring arrangements.

Financial Impact

5. None

Equality Impact Assessment

6. A Screening Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010. After completing the assessment it has been determined that this proposal does not require an Equalities Impact Assessment

Workforce Impact

7. No impact on current workforce

Legal Impact

8. None

Risk Management

9. None

Consultation

10. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendation(s)

11. The Food & Feed Law Service Delivery Plan 2016 - 17 and the Review of Food & Feed Law Enforcement Performance 2015 – 16 are for information.

Reason for Proposed Decision(s)

12. To inform Members of the work plan for the food and feed enforcement service for 2016 to 2017 and the Review of Food & Feed Law Enforcement Performance 2015 – 16.

Implementation of Decision

13. The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

Appendices :-

14. Appendix 1 - *Food and Feed Service Delivery Plan 2016 / 17*
Appendix 2 – Review of Food & Feed Law Enforcement Performance 2015 – 2016.

List of Background Papers

15. None

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