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## **Food and Feed Law Enforcement Plan 2019/2020**

### **Purpose**

- 1.1 Each year the council must produce a Food and Feed Law Enforcement Plan. This plan is required to identify the obligations placed on the Council by the Food Safety Act 1990, the Safety and Food Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013, the Official Feed and Food Controls (England) Regulations 2006, Food Information Regulations 2014, The Agriculture Act 1970 and The Animal Health Act 2006 and the resources made available to officers to discharge these obligations.

### **Recommendation(s)**

- 2.1 To note the report (attached) and adopt the content of the plan and to recommend the adoption of the Food and Feed Law Enforcement Plan for the administrative year 2019/2020.

### **Reason(s)**

- 3.1 Under the powers given to it by the Food Standards Act 1999, The Food Standards Agency (FSA) oversees and monitors how Local Authorities enforce food safety legislation. The FSA require all Local Authorities to produce and approve an annual plan that sets out how it is going to discharge its responsibilities.
- 3.2 The Plans will be used as a basis of any audit undertaken by the Food Standards Agency (FSA).
- 3.3 The plan is written to meet all the requirements of the FSA, in terms of its content and format. The plan details the demands on the service, the risk based work programme and the resources available to deliver the required work. As with many other Council services the service faces increasing demands in current resources.

### **Supporting information**

- 4.1 The Food and Feed Law Enforcement Plan 2019/2020 is consistent with last year's plan and is attached overleaf.

### **Public/stakeholder engagement**

- 5.1 N/A.

## Other options

- 6.1 If the Council take no action the FSA have the power to remove food safety responsibilities and engage another authority to deliver the service. The likely scenario would be for a neighbouring Local Authority to be seconded to provide this service. If this did happen the Council would still have to fund the service but would lose Member and management control of the functions.

## Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 None arising from the report. Any increase in demand will be managed within current budget.

## Legal implications

- 8.1 The Council has a statutory duty to enforce the aforementioned legislation.

## Other significant implications

- 9.1 The Council as a Food Authority is required to carry out statutory functions in relation to food safety. The annual plan sets out how the Council will fulfil its obligations under this legislation.
- 9.2 Failure to ensure that the council discharges its responsibilities can have serious consequences for the Council and as set out below.
- 9.3 Should the Council not exercise its duties and provide a food safety service there is the potential that both unsafe and unscrupulous activities would go unchecked and un-enforced, which may lead to serious food borne illness or disadvantage to the residents, consumers and businesses within the City.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	None
<b>Appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 – Food and Feed Law Enforcement Plan 2019/20