

## FOOD HYGIENE SERVICE PLANS

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<b>Wards affected:</b>	(All Wards);
<b>Urgent Decision?(yes/no)</b>	No
<b>If yes, reason urgent decision required:</b>	
<b>Appendices (attached):</b>	Appendix 1 – Food Service Plan

### Summary

In compliance with national monitoring arrangements, this report sets out how the Council intends to discharge its statutory responsibilities in respect of food hygiene in the year 2026-2027 and reports on activities in the previous year.

### Recommendation (s)

#### The Committee is asked to:

- (1) **Adopt the service plan for food hygiene.**

## 1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 To demonstrate compliance with the [framework agreement on official feed and food controls by local authorities](#).
- 1.2 To update the committee on the priorities within the service areas and the planned use of resources.

## 2 Background

- 2.1 The Environmental Health team based within the public protection service is deployed in many areas of public and environmental health including food hygiene (inspections and interventions within food businesses).
- 2.2 There are legal requirements and expectations from national authorities that the service be adequately resourced and planned, with those plans being agreed by the appropriate policy making bodies within each local authority.
- 2.3 Best practice in the area of regulatory service is to establish transparent

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plans for the deployment of public resources and to publicise those plans

### 2.4 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

### 2.5 Equality Impact Assessment

2.5.1 None arising from this report

### 2.6 Crime & Disorder

2.6.1 None arising from this report

### 2.7 Safeguarding

2.7.1 None arising from this report

### 2.8 Dependencies

2.8.1 The achievement of the targets are dependent on broadly the same level of resource allocation being maintained and not lost or allocated to other services.

### 2.9 Other

2.9.1 None

## 3 Financial Implications

3.1 The proposals are funded from within the existing budgetary allocation.

3.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments: None arising from the contents of this report.**

## 4 Legal Implications

4.1 The council must comply with the guidance and code of practise issued by the Food Standard Agency. Via statutory returns, the Food Standards Agency monitor the effectiveness of the Authority's action taken in this service areas. The risk of under resourcing these areas is a decrease in public protection and public health, adverse publicity arising from annual reports on local authority performance and non-fulfilment of statutory obligations

4.2 The adoption of the service plan will assist the council in discharging its statutory duties.

4.3 **Legal Officer's comments: as set out in the above report**

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### 5 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

5.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The following Key Priorities are engaged:

- Safe and Well
- Effective Council

5.2 **Service Plans:** The matter is included within the current Service Delivery Plan.

5.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** None

5.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** None

5.5 **Partnerships:** None

5.6 **Local Government Reorganisation Implications:** None

### 6 Background papers

6.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

**Previous reports:**

- None

**Other papers:**

- Framework Agreement on Official Feed and Food Controls by Local Authorities, 2010 (Food Standards Agency)  
[<https://acss.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/multimedia/pdfs/enforcement/frameworkagreementno5.pdf>] accessed 1/6/27
- Food Law Code of Practice, 2025 (Food Standards Agency)  
[<https://www.food.gov.uk/about-us/food-and-feed-codes-of-practice>] accessed 1/6/27