

REPORT TO EXECUTIVE



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Food (Official Controls) Delivery Plan (reviewed 2019/2020)

PURPOSE

1. In order to meet statutory requirements, the Council's Environmental Health and Licensing Team is responsible for Food Safety enforcement and must have in place approved plans. In line with the Constitution, approval of the Food (Official Controls) Delivery Plan will be sought from Full Council.

RECOMMENDATION

2. Executive recommends to Full Council to approve the Food (Official Controls) Delivery Plan (reviewed 2019/2020)

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. To formally review past performance and agree a framework for the future delivery of effective, risk based, proportionate and consistent food safety services.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

4. Food Safety Act 1990 Codes of Practice provides a framework within which the Food Safety Team must operate when carrying out its public protection duties in relation to food safety. The Food Standards Agency requires the Council to have plans in place to control these activities. The Food (Official Controls) Delivery Plan has been prepared to satisfy the statutory requirements and outline the services to be provided over the coming year.
5. **Burnley Food (Official Control) Delivery Plan**

This Plan is a requirement of the Food Standards Agency and has been drawn up in accordance with the Food Standards Agency's Framework Agreement (amendment 5, April 2010). This ensures a consistent approach across England and Wales, which enables the Food Standards Agency to address how the council is performing. It also allows the Food Standards Agency and Local Authorities to compare and contrast performance and service delivery.

It sets out:

- An outline of the key services and work activity delivered
- The Council's statement on food safety and the links with corporate priorities and objectives
- A profile of the Borough including the political and managerial arrangements
- The demands on the service
- Summary of service activity in relation to premises inspection, complaints investigation, advice, sampling, infectious diseases, food safety incidents, liaison arrangements and promotional activities
- The resources deployed to meet these demands
- Quality assessment procedures and performance indicators

6. Key services and work activity delivered by the Food Safety Team include:-

- Carrying out routine, programmed inspections of local food businesses
- Responding to Service requests including food complaints and hygiene of premises complaints
- Investigating notifications of infectious diseases and local outbreaks, which may be associated with food
- Promoting food safety and best practice by working closely with local businesses
- Working with the Food Standards Agency to run and maintain the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme

7. Over the last year the Food Safety Team have maintained a high level of performance. The team has completed 433 inspections and audits and 110 other interventions. The team have performed well against the inspection programme, with compliance levels of food businesses being maintained at 97%.

Over the next year it is our intention to focus on non-compliant businesses. We intend to work proactively with our one rated business and target our resources into improving compliance.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

8. Food Safety regulation is a core statutory service delivered by the Environmental Health & Licensing Team. It remains provided in existing service budgets.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

9. As national regulators, the Food Standards Agency set and monitor national standards. The framework for local plans is prescribed to ensure “official controls” are consistently delivered across the country. Through audit, and annual returns they monitor local

authorities to ensure that local controls are effective, and they have intervention powers where delivery fails to meet the required standard.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

10. Scrutiny and Executive will be consulted prior to Full Council decision.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

11. None.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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