

24 February 2015**Agenda Item: 6****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR ACCESS AND PUBLIC
PROTECTION****APPROVAL OF THE OFFICIAL FOOD & FEED LAW ENFORCEMENT
SERVICE PLAN FOR 2015-16****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval by the Committee of the Trading Standards and Community Safety Service 2015-16 Food & Feed Law Enforcement Service Plan.

Information and Advice

2. Section 6 of the Food Safety Act 1990, and section 76 of the Agriculture Act, places a duty on this Authority to enforce certain provisions of those Acts in Nottinghamshire regarding food for human consumption and also feeding stuffs for animals. The provisions created by the legislation are known as official food and feed controls.
3. The Food Standards Agency (FSA) has a key role as the central competent authority for overseeing official feed and food controls, and also working closely in partnership with local authorities to help them to deliver the controls. The FSA is therefore pro-active in setting and monitoring standards, coordinating activity, and in auditing local authorities' delivery of official controls, in order to ensure that this activity is effective, risk based, proportionate and consistent.
4. The Trading Standards Service is responsible for food and animal feed standards work on behalf of the Authority, which includes labelling and quality controls. The responsibility for (human) food hygiene controls falls to the District Council's Environmental Health Services. The FSA sees Service Plans as an important part of the process to ensure that national priorities and standards are addressed and delivered locally.
5. The work carried out by Trading Standards on food and animal feed standards has an important role that impacts on both consumers and businesses. The work in advising businesses provides a level playing field in which legitimate businesses can prosper and grow. Sampling, monitoring and responding to complaints also helps to protect both legitimate businesses and consumers from any criminal element that may seek to put products onto the market that are either, not what they state they are, or may be potentially injurious to health

Other Options Considered

6. Non applicable – required by law.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

7. The Trading Standards & Community Safety Food & Feed Law Enforcement Service Plan for 2014-15 has been reviewed and updated with current data on premise risk bandings and enquiries received. The updated plan which covers 2015-16 is the one attached as an appendix.
8. The FSA places a great deal of importance on ensuring that the Authority's key decision makers are fully engaged in official food and feed controls work. As such, the Trading Standards Service proposed plan for 2015-16 is attached as an appendix to this report for the Committee to consider and approve.

Statutory and Policy Implications

This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

Detailed in the Enforcement Service Plan.

Implications for Service Users

The Enforcement Service Plan details the work proposed and outlines the need and rationale.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

There are no specific implications but the work carried out does help with the sustainability of legitimate businesses.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the Committee approves the Authority's 2015-16 Food & Feed Law Enforcement Service Plan as set out in the appendix to this report.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 03/02/2015)

9. Community Safety Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report

Financial Comments (KAS 30/01/15)

10. The financial implications are contained in Enforcement Service Plan.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- 'None'

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- 'All'