

26th February 2013**Agenda Item: 12****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR PROMOTING INDEPENDENCE AND
PUBLIC PROTECTION****APPROVAL OF THE OFFICIAL FEED & FOOD LAW SERVICE PLAN FOR
2013/14****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval by the Committee of the Trading Standards 2013-14 Feed & Food Law proposed enforcement 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 feed and food controls.
3. The Food Standards Agency (FSA) has a key role as the central competent authority, not only in overseeing official feed and food controls, but working 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.

Proposal

5. The FSA places a great deal of importance on ensuring that the Authority's key decision makers are engaged in official feed and food controls work. As such, the Trading Standards Service proposed plan for 2013-14 is attached as an appendix to this report.

Statutory and Policy Implications

6. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the Committee approves the Authority's 2013-14 Feed & Food plan as set out in the appendix to this report.

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Constitutional Comments (NAB 05.02.13)

7. The Community Safety Committee has authority to approve the recommendation set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (KAS 06.02.13)

8. There are no financial implications in the report.

Background Papers

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

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