

**COUNCIL
27 OCTOBER 2004**

**FOOD LAW ENFORCEMENT PLAN 2004/05
(Director of Environment and Leisure)**

1 PURPOSE OF DECISION

- 1.1 To ratify the draft plan for Food Law Enforcement 2004/05 following the period of consultation. The Plan addresses all matters relating to food hygiene, food standards and the sale of animal foodstuff.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Council notes the supporting information in relation to outcome of the period of consultation and
- 2.2 That the Council ratifies the Food Law Enforcement Plan for 2004/05 (attached as Annexe A).

3 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 3.1 The Borough Solicitor has nothing to add to the report

Section 151 Officer

- 3.2 The Borough Finance Officer is satisfied that no significant financial implications arise from this report.

Access Implications

- 3.3 There are no access issues arising from this report.

4 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The Food Law Enforcement Plan was placed on the Council's web site for the purposes of consultation. After a 2 month period of consultation no representation was received in relation to the plan.

- 4.2 The Plan for Food Law Enforcement is a 5-year plan, which is in its fourth year. The format of the Plan has been improved several times since the Executive first approved it in June 2002. As now drafted, it is comprised of a core document and five appendices. If adopted, this will make it easier to read and less complex to update. The intention is to further improve on the presentation over the next 12 months.

Food Law Enforcement is a function of the Environmental Health and Trading Standards. The Borough has responsibility for 816 food premises for food safety and 834 premises for food standards. The Food Safety Act 1990 is the principal legislation and regulations are periodically made under the Act. To be effective, a risk-rating is allocated to all food premises in accordance with Statutory Codes of Practice to ensure that all relevant premises are inspected according to risk and meet the requirement of the Borough's and Food Standards Agency's 5-year inspection programme. Progress against the Plan is measured monthly and progress reported to Members in the Quarterly Operations reports. The Plan is also underpinned by written procedures to ensure effective service delivery.

Background Papers

Food Law Enforcement Plan 2003/2004

Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement (2000)

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Reference

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