

Update Report to the Finance, Resources and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Case study of actions taken where a Food Business receives a poor Food Hygiene Rating



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Introduction

At the last Overview and Scrutiny committee members commented on a performance indicator relating to the national Food Hygiene Rating Scheme, and requested assurance on the actions taken where a premises is rated 'Zero – Urgent Improvement Necessary' or '1 – Major Improvement Necessary'.

Background

Members will be provided with a case study of a local food business that was rated 'Zero – Urgent Improvement Necessary' following a routine food hygiene inspection. The presentation will describe the powers available to our officers when they find hygiene conditions that risk public health, followed by a summary of the actions taken in this case to improve food hygiene standards.

Questions to be Addressed

The committee need to satisfy themselves that urgent and appropriate action is taken when a food business receives a poor Food Hygiene Rating.

Outcomes

The committee should gain a better understanding of the work carried out by our Environmental Health service, and the actions taken where poor standards of food hygiene are found during routine food hygiene inspections.

Constraints

There is a statutory requirement for Local Authorities to undertake food hygiene inspections, the Food Standards Agency directs Local Authorities as to the frequency, nature and extent of food hygiene inspections. In order to comply with these requirements it is important that the borough maintains its food hygiene inspection programme and takes action where serious health risks are identified.

Conclusions

The report intends to provide the committee with a case study of the actions our officers take where serious food hygiene contraventions are found resulting in the business receiving a zero or one Food Hygiene Rating.

Relevant Portfolio Holder(s)

Environment & Recycling – Ann Beech

Background Materials

Food Standards Agency publications:

Food Law Code of Practice

‘Food Hygiene Rating Scheme – Brand Standard’