

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT TO THE
PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Date 30 June 2015

REPORT TITLE **Food Safety Service Plan 2015/16**

Submitted by: **Mrs Nesta Barker**
Head of Environmental Health Services

Principal Author: **Mr Gareth Harvey - Environmental Health Team Manager – Food and Safety**

Purpose of the Report

An information report to make the committee aware of the work planned by the Food and Safety team in 2015/16 along with a review of last year's performance.

Recommendations

That the committee receive and endorse the Food Safety Service Plan for 2015/16.

Reasons

To make the Public Protection committee aware of the work carried by the Food and Safety team, in accordance with the Food Standards Agency framework agreement on official food controls by local authorities.

1. Background

1.1 Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council has a statutory duty to provide a Food Safety service that:

- Maintains a register of all food businesses operating within the borough;
- Implements a risk based programme of inspections and interventions;
- Provides advice to local businesses about how they can comply with legal requirements;
- Investigates complaints about contaminated food, unhygienic premises and food poisoning outbreaks; and
- In the most serious cases takes enforcement action to protect public health;

2. Issues

2.1 The Food Standards Agency requires local authorities to produce a specific service plan for their Food Safety service using a specified format that can be reported to its' elected members.

2.2 Attached to this report in Appendix 1 is a Food Safety Service Plan for 2015/16 which outlines the work planned for the coming year as well as a review of last year's

performance.

3. Options Considered (if any)

- 3.1** None, the provision of this plan is a requirement of the Food Standards Agency under their framework agreement with local authorities.

4. Proposal

- 4.1** It is proposed that committee note and endorse the content of the Service Plan.

5. Reasons for Preferred Solution

- 5.1** The Service Plan is for the information of the Public Protection Committee.

6. Outcomes Linked to Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities

- 6.1** Creating a cleaner, safer and sustainable Borough.

The community is not put at risk from poor hygiene standards in food premises

7. Legal and Statutory Implications

- 7.1** The Council have a statutory duty to provide a Food Safety service and comply with the requirements of the Food Standards Agency.

8. Financial and Resource Implications

- 8.1** None, the Service Plan will be implemented within existing budgets.