



To: Executive Councillor for Community Development and Health  
Report by: Head of Refuse and Environment  
Relevant scrutiny committee: Community Services Scrutiny Committee 17/3/2011  
Wards affected: All Wards

**STATUTORY ENFORCEMENT WORK PLAN FOR FOOD LAW ENFORCEMENT 2011/2012**  
**Not a Key Decision**

**1. Executive summary**

- 1.1 The Food Standards Agency (FSA) require each food enforcement authority to produce a Food Enforcement Work Plan which outlines the Authority's work programme to ensure that food businesses in the City comply with the relevant legislation
- 1.2 The document provides a reference point to allow the service to be reviewed against its objectives whilst still allowing the flexibility to respond to urgent incidents
- 1.3 The aim of the Food Enforcement Work Plan is to:
  - Provide information about the food safety enforcement aspect of the Food and Occupational Safety Service
  - Identifies the means by which the service will provided
  - Identifies how the service will meet relevant performance targets and standards
  - Demonstrate a balanced and considered enforcement approach
- 1.4 It is recognised that Best Value plays a central role in the planning and delivery of the service, with the FSA encouraging authorities to utilise this framework in the development of the Work Plan and the delivery of food law enforcement

**2. Recommendations**

The Executive Councillor is recommended:

- 2.1 To approve the attached Statutory Enforcement Work Plan for Food Law Enforcement 2011/2012

### 3. Background

- 3.1 The Refuse and Environment Service is responsible for enforcing specific food safety legislation. Since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2000, food authorities have been subject to scrutiny by the Food Standards Agency (FSA). In September 2000, the FSA published the Agreement, which laid down its expectations of local authorities in respect of their food safety functions. One of the requirements in the Agreement is that authorities should produce a Food Enforcement Work Plan in accordance with its guidance on content and format.
- 3.2 The Refuse and Environment Service has for many years produced its own operational plan covering many of the food safety issues required by the FSA in the Agreement. It is intended that the operational plan will continue to provide an overview of the whole service and be made available for Members, and that a separate Food Enforcement Work Plan is produced to meet the FSA requirements. The FSA have also stated that the Plan should receive Member approval hence this report to Committee.

### 4. Implications

- 4.1 **Financial Implications** – there are no additional costs associated in producing this Service Plan
- 4.2 **Staffing Implications** – none except in the production of the Food Enforcement Work Plan
- 4.3 **Equal Opportunities Implications** – food safety is designed to protect all members of the community
- 4.4 **Environmental Implications** – food safety enforcement is designed to provide a safer environment for all members of the public
- 4.5 **Community Safety** – none except those linked to (4.4) above

### 5. Background papers

These background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement  
Food Law Codes of Practice and Guidance issued under the Food Safety Act 1990 and Regulation 24 of the Food Hygiene (England) Regulations 2006  
FSA Audit of Cambridge City Council Report (July 2001)

## **6. Appendices**

Appendix 1: Statutory Enforcement Work Plan for Food Law Enforcement  
2011/2012

## **7. Inspection of papers**

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report  
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