

7 FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY AUDIT OF DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL'S FOOD LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES (AN427-2005)

The Committee is asked to note that the Food Standards Agency (FSA) carried out an audit of the Environmental Health and Trading Standards food law enforcement service on 21st-24th June 2005.

Background

The FSA has an ongoing audit programme of all Scottish Local Authorities. The main aim of the audit scheme is to maintain and improve consumer protection and confidence by ensuring that local authorities are providing an effective food law enforcement service. The scheme also provides the opportunity to identify and disseminate good practice and provide information to inform Agency policy on food safety.

Audit Report

The report records Dundee City Council's performance in conforming to "The Standard" for food law enforcement and notes the Council generally meets the Service Planning Guidance requirements of the Framework agreement between the FSA and the Scottish Local Authorities.

The audit report will be placed on the enforcement portal of the FSA website at www.food.gov.uk/enforcement by the end of October. Presently copies of the report are available in the members lounge.

Action Plan

An action plan has been agreed with the Agency that will further develop and improve the EHTS food law service. Progress as regards the action plan will be reviewed by the Agency during March 2006.