

REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE
21st MAY 2001

REPORT ON: A) THE FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN
2000/2001
B) THE FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS ENFORCEMENT POLICY
STATEMENT

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

REPORT TO: 195-2001

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To propose the adoption of:
- a) The Food Service Plan 2001/2002
 - b) The Food Service Enforcement Policy Statement
- as required by the Food Standards Agency.

It should be noted that the Food Service Plan will be integrated into the Departmental Service Delivery Plan which is due to be published in June 2001.

Full copies of the Plan and the Policy Statement are available from the Group Secretaries and in the members lounge.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Council approve:
- a) The Food Service Plan 2001/2002;
 - b) The Food Service Enforcement Policy Statement.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 It is anticipated the cost to the Council will be absorbed within the budget of the Food Safety/Health and Safety Section.

4.0 DUNDEE 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Access to good food, water, shelter and fuel at a reasonable cost.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None.

6.0 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 The White Paper “The Food Standards Agency – A Force for Change” identified the need for stronger links between central and local government on food law enforcement.
- 6.2 The White Paper also identified the Food Standards Agency (FSA) as having a key role in overseeing local authority enforcement action.
- 6.3 The vehicle for implementing the Food Standards Agency's proposals is the Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement.
- 6.4 Included within this framework is the requirement for Authorities to have an approved Food Safety and Standard Enforcement Policy and an annual Service Delivery Plan.
- 6.5 Service plans are an important mechanism to ensure food safety priorities and standards are addressed and delivered locally.
- 6.6 Service plans also;
 - focus debate on key delivery issues;
 - provide an essential link with financial planning;
 - help establish objectives for the future and identify major issues that cross service boundaries;
 - provide a means of managing performance and making performance comparisons;
 - support local accountability through elected members and facilitate consultation with local stakeholders;
 - give information about the food law service we provide and the means by which these services are provided; and
 - detail food law performance targets.
- 6.7 The Food Standards Agency also envisage that as part of the Service Delivery Plan an Enforcement Policy specific to Food Safety and Standards be approved by the elected members.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

Chief Executive
Director of Support Services
Director of Finance

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPER

- 8.1 Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement (available from Ron Dunn, Principal Officer, Food Safety/Health & Safety Section) or on the Food Standards Agency Website: <http://www.foodstandards.gov.uk/>

9.0 SIGNATURE

Signed Date
Director of Environmental and Consumer Protection