

2 FOOD STANDARDS AUDIT OF DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL (AN397-2003)

The Food Standards Agency carried out its third audit of Dundee City Council's food law enforcement activities on 29 April 2003. The aims of the audit were:-

- Help protect public health by providing effective local enforcement of food law;
- Maintain and improve customer confidence;
- Identify and disseminate good practice to aid consistency;
- Promote compliance with The Standard and the relevant guidance and Codes of Practice;
- Provide a means to identify under performance in Local Authority food law enforcement;
- Promote self regulation and Inter Authority auditing;
- Identify continuous improvement

The third audit covered Dundee City Council's food law enforcement service comprising the following elements of The Standard.

- Organisation and Management (The Standard 3)
- Facilities and Equipment (The Standard 6)
- Food and Feedingstuffs Premises Inspections – Feedingstuffs (The Standard 7)
- Food, Feedingstuffs and Food premises Complaints (The Standard 8)
- Home Authority Principle (The Standard 9)
- Food and Feedingstuffs Inspection and Sampling (The Standard 12)
- Enforcement (The Standard 15)
- Records and Inspections Reports (The Standard 16)
- Complaints about the service (The Standard 17)
- Liaison with other organisations (The Standard 18)
- Third Party or Peer Review (The Standard 20)

One non-conformance, relative to equipment calibration was noted, resulting in the necessary follow up action, to ensure compliance.

As a result the audit file has now been formally closed.

It was also noted that the necessary follow-up action to year 2 non-conformances had been completed within the specified timescales and that the relative audit file had been closed.

The third audit satisfactorily completes the Food Standards Agency's full assessment of Dundee City Council's food law enforcement service.

The terms of future Scottish audits are now the subject of discussion between the Food Standards Agency and Local Authorities.

A full copy of the Food Standards Audit has been passed to each of the Group Secretaries and is available for inspection in the members lounge.

The Committee is asked to note that the third audit by the Food Standards Agency fully assessing Dundee City Council's food law enforcement service was completed to their satisfaction.