

FOOD SERVICE PLAN 2015-16

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To allow scrutiny committee to review the 2015-16 food service plan and suggest any comments for inclusion in future plans.

2 Recommendations

That members:

- 2.1 Note the contents of the 2015-16 Food Service Plan
- 2.2 Make any relevant comments or suggest information for inclusion in future food service plans.

3 Supporting information

- 3.1 Under European food law the Food Standards Agency (FSA) are deemed to be the competent authority. To ensure these powers are exercised consistently across the country by local authorities the FSA has developed a framework agreement part of which includes the production by each local authority of a food service plan.
- 3.2 Service plans are seen as an important part of the process to ensure that national priorities and standards are addressed and delivered locally.
- 3.3 The details to be contained in the plan are specified by the FSA. Plans must contain the following information.
 - Service Aims and Objectives
 - Background
 - Service Delivery
 - Resources
 - Quality Assessment
 - Review
- 3.4 The Aylesbury Vale Food Service Plan for 2015-16 is attached to this report as Appendix 1.
- 3.5 The key features of the plan are:
 - There are 1714 registered food businesses in Aylesbury Vale
 - All premises are given a risk rating, A to E. Priority is given to using our limited resources to ensure that all higher risk premises (A, B, Non-compliant C and Unrated) are inspected in accordance with the FSA Code of Practice.
 - In 2014/15 98.7% of programmed inspections of A, B and C rated premises were carried out. This is an improvement compared to the previous year (2013/14 96.7%).
 - The number of premises which are deemed to be “broadly compliant” with the law was 96.93%.
 - The plan identifies some areas of improvement or exploration including the use of partial inspections or audits of premises. There have been changes to the qualifications and experience requirements by the FSA of officers who undertake food enforcement and this will be implemented.

- There are a number of food businesses that consistently perform compliantly and are subject to external audit. During 2015/16 we want to explore the possibility of extending the scope of our Alternative Enforcement Strategy to include more of our compliant food businesses. This would enable us to further target resource to risk as well as reducing 'red-tape' for compliant businesses. This approach (if implemented) would currently fall outside of the FSA Food Law Code of Practice guidance.

3.6 This plan is a development of the 2012/13 plan updated to reflect the current situation and legislative changes. The 2012/13 Food Service Plan was subject to a full audit by the FSA in October 2012 and found to be adequate. It is anticipated that the FSA will revisit during 2015/16.

4 Resource implications

4.1 The plan sets out the staff and financial resources required to deliver the programme of food inspections required to meet FSA targets.

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Background Documents	None