

## **FOOD SERVICE PLAN 2017-18**

### **1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To allow scrutiny committee to review the 2017-18 food service plan and suggest any comments for inclusion in future plans.

### **2 Recommendations**

That members:

- 2.1 Note the contents and approve the 2017-18 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 2017-18 is attached to this report as Appendix 1.
- 3.5 The key features of the plan are:
- There are 1786 registered food businesses in Aylesbury Vale.
  - Premises are given a risk rating, A to E. Resources are targeted to ensure higher risk premises (A, B, Non-compliant C and Unrated) are inspected in accordance with the FSA Code of Practice.
  - The number of premises which are deemed to be “broadly compliant” with the law is 97.5%.
  - In 2016/17 in total we achieved 93% of our programmed interventions. 99.7% of premises inspections rated A- non compliant C were completed.
  - The plan identifies areas of improvement or exploration to improve efficiency and to ensure we are offering the best service to our customers. These include:
    - Consider the opportunities around the changes to primary authority scheme in October 2017 to make it more straightforward for smaller

businesses (who are currently ineligible to apply) to setup a partnership with us. Work closer with colleagues in Economic Development and Buckinghamshire Business First to encourage those food businesses based in AVDC to develop partnerships.

- Adapt food business registration form as required to promote range of 'opt in' services as discussed above such as new food business advice, primary authority options and promotion of other Council chargeable services
- Exploring opportunities under the Localism Act to provide advisory services to new food business that we can charge for as part of an 'opt in' package of benefits
- Ensure that we maximise the benefits of Salesforce at the customer facing end so that customers are encouraged to register their food business when applications for other services that are food related eg Premises Licence Applications
- Explore the potential to deliver a pilot business project based on the principles of Better Business For All that builds on and maximizes our relationships with local business.

#### **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                    |