

Title of Report	FOOD SAFETY SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN 2023/24	
Presented by	Councillor Michael Wyatt Portfolio Holder for Community Services	
Background Papers	Food Standards Agency – The Framework Agreement on Official Feed and Food Controls by Local Authorities.	Public Report: Yes
	Food Standards Agency – Food Law Code of Practice (England) (Issue: March 2021)	Key Decision: Yes
Financial Implications	The budget for the provision of the food safety service is £344,295. No additional funding is required to deliver the 2023/24 service delivery plan	
	Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes	
Legal Implications	If the authority fails to discharge its duty imposed by the Food Safety Act 1990 Food Standards Agency may intervene.	
	Signed off by the Monitoring Officer: Yes	
Staffing and Corporate Implications	There is a risk that additional staffing resource will be required to carry out the checks on imported food entering Great Britain through East Midlands Airport. Once the resource requirement is known , if required a recruitment plan will be devised. Increasing the contracted hours of the official veterinary surgeon is likely to be sufficient to meet the new service demand. Any additional costs will, however, be recovered through inspection income from the importers	
	Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes	
Purpose of Report	To inform Members of the content of the Food Safety Service Delivery Plan 2023/24 as required by the Food Standards Agency	
	To inform Members of the performance against the 2022/23 service delivery plan	
Reason for Decision	To approve the content of the Food Safety Service Delivery Plan 2023/24 as required by the Food Standards Agency.	
Recommendations	<p>(1) THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOOD SAFETY SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN 2023/24 APPENDED TO THIS REPORT BE APPROVED</p> <p>(2) THAT THE PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2022/23 BE NOTED</p>	

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Food Safety function is delivered by the Environmental Health team. When providing the Food Safety function, the Council must have regard to the 'Framework Agreement on Official Feed and Food Controls by Local Authorities' ("the Framework Agreement") which sets out the standards agreed with the Food Standards Agency.
- 1.2 The Framework Agreement requires each food safety service to document and implement a Food Safety Service Delivery Plan in accordance with a specified standard. In addition, a documented performance review of the plan is required to be carried out at least once a year. The Framework Agreement requires the Service Plan, together with the performance review to be submitted for member approval to ensure local transparency and accountability.
- 1.3 The Environmental Health Food Safety Service Delivery Plan 2023/24 is attached at **Appendix 1**.

2.0 MAIN FOCUS OF THE 2023/24 PLAN

2.1 Planned Activities

- Undertake a programme of 329 food safety interventions consisting of inspection, auditing and sampling will be carried out at high and medium risk food establishments (Categories A, B, C, D and unrated).
- Undertake a programme of official and non-official food controls at 232 low risk food establishments (risk category E).
- Provide support to HMS Host UK Limited under a Primary Authority Partnership.
- Investigate food and food premises complaints and all outbreaks and incidents of food related illnesses.
- Provide information and advice on food safety to businesses and customers.
- Undertake a programme of food, water and environmental sampling.
- Promote the National Food Hygiene Rating Scheme for food establishments within the district. Food establishments will be encouraged to display their rating.
- Facilitate international trade through the issuing of export certificates, organic certification and catch certificates (fish).
- Operate the inspection facility at East Midlands Airport. Check all products of animal origin and certain high-risk foods not of animal origin entering the United Kingdom for the first time via East Midlands Airport.

2.2 Government Policy on Managing Britain's Borders and implications for operating the border control post at East Midlands Airport

When the United Kingdom (UK) left the European Union (EU), it regained the right to manage its own borders in a way that works for Britain. This includes how imports are managed into the country from overseas. In June 2022, the Government announced that they would not introduce the import controls on EU goods planned for 1 July 2022.

The Government published a draft target operating model in April 2023 which sets out the new regime of border import controls. The new approach will apply equally to goods from the EU and goods from the rest of the world. Once the final document has been published, work will begin on assessing the implications for the Environmental Health service. The majority of the work will focus on resource planning by modelling the future

volume of trade at East Midlands Airport and matching that service demand with adequate staffing levels and competency.

3.0 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND TARGETS 2023/24

3.1 The following performance indicators and targets are proposed for 2023/4:

Indicator	Target
Percentage of due food interventions completed at food establishments within risk category A and B (high risk)	100%
Percentage of due food interventions completed at food establishments within risk category C and D (medium risk)	90%

4.0 SUCCESSES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2022/23

4.1 The Council has successfully achieved all milestones within phases 1 and 2 of the Covid-19 Recovery Plan, published by the Food Standards Agency.

4.2 100% of food establishments risk rated for hygiene as category A, B, C and D (high and medium risk) have received an on-site intervention.

4.3 The Council was successful in securing a grant from the Food Standards Agency to enable an enhanced level of imported food surveillance to be carried out. 184 commercial shipments of undeclared restricted commodities were detected and seized from 172 flight manifests.

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
Council Priorities:	Insert relevant Council Priorities: - Support for businesses and helping people into local jobs - Our communities are safe, healthy and connected
Policy Considerations:	None
Safeguarding:	N/A
Equalities/Diversity:	No negative impact
Customer Impact:	Delivery of the food safety service delivery plan will ensure that food manufactured, purchased and consumed is safe.
Economic and Social Impact:	Regulatory support provided to food establishments will support economic growth. Publication of food hygiene ratings will provide consumer confidence
Environment and Climate Change:	None
Consultation/Community Engagement:	None
Risks:	Failing to approve an adequately resourced food

	safety service delivery plan would present a risk to the Council.
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