

<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH - FOOD SAFETY SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN 2024/5</b>	
<b>Presented by</b>	Councillor Michael Wyatt Communities and Climate Change Portfolio Holder  PH Briefed <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
<b>Background Papers</b>	Food Standards Agency – The Framework Agreement on Official Feed and Food Controls by Local Authorities. <a href="#">THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON LOCAL AUTHORITY FOOD LAW REGULATION</a>  Food Standards Agency – Food Law Code of Practice (England) (Issue: June 2023) <a href="#">Food Law Code of Practice</a>	<b>Public Report:</b> Yes  <b>Key Decision:</b> Yes
<b>Financial Implications</b>	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. Additional costs will however be recovered through inspection income from the importers. <b>Signed off by the Section 151 Officer:</b> Yes	
<b>Legal Implications</b>	If the authority fails to discharge its duty imposed by the Food Safety Act 1990 the enforcement functions may be transferred to another authority. Adverse publicity, both locally and nationally may be received. <b>Signed off by the Monitoring Officer:</b> Yes	
<b>Staffing and Corporate Implications</b>	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. This will initially be managed through the contract in place to supply the official veterinary surgeon. <b>Signed off by the Head of Paid Service:</b> Yes	
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To inform Cabinet of the content of the Food Safety Service Delivery Plan 2024/25 as required by the Food Standards Agency.	

	To inform Cabinet of the performance against the 2023/24 service delivery plan.
<b>Reason for Decision</b>	To approve the content of the Food Safety Service Delivery Plan 2024/25 as required by the Food Standards Agency.
<b>Recommendations</b>	<p><b>(1) THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOOD SAFETY SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN 2024/25 APPENDED TO THIS REPORT BE APPROVED</b></p> <p><b>(2) THAT THE PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2023/24 BE NOTED</b></p>

## 1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Council's 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 Local Authority Food Law Enforcement' ("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 (the "Service 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 2024/25 is attached at **Appendix 1**.

## 2.0 MAIN FOCUS OF THE 2024/25 SERVICE PLAN

### 2.1 Planned Activities:

- Carrying out of a programme of 355 food safety interventions consisting of inspection, auditing and sampling at high and medium risk food establishments (Categories A, B, C, D and unrated).
- Undertaking a programme of official and non-official food controls at 219 low risk food establishments (risk category E).
- Providing support to Avolta UK Limited under a Primary Authority Partnership.
- Investigating of food and food premises complaints and all outbreaks and incidents of food related illnesses.
- Providing information and advice on food safety to businesses and customers.
- Providing a coordinated food, water and environmental sampling programme.
- The promotion of the National Food Hygiene Rating Scheme for food establishments within the district. Food establishments will be encouraged to display their rating.
- Issuing of export certificates, organic certification and catch certificates (fish) to facilitate international trade.
- Operating the inspection facility at East Midlands Airport. All products of animal origin and certain foods not of animal origin entering Great Britain for the first time via East Midlands Airport originating from the European Union and the rest of the world will undergo risk-based checks from 30 April 2024.

2.2 Government policy on Managing Britain’s Borders and implications for operating the border control post at East Midlands Airport are:

- When the UK left the 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.
- The Government published a target operating model in 2023 which sets out the new regime of border import controls. The new approach applies equally to goods from the EU and goods from the rest of the world. The new risk-based checks started on 30 April 2024. The service delivery will be closely monitored during 2024/25 to ensure that the service is adequately resourced and that the income from fees and charges fully covers the cost of delivering the service.

### 3.0 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND TARGETS 2024/25

Indicator	Target
Percentage of due food interventions completed at food establishments within risk category A and B (high risk)	100%
Percentage of food establishments rated as 5 (very good) using the National Food Hygiene Rating Scheme	81%

### 4.0 SUCCESSES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2023/24

- 4.1 100% of interventions due at high-risk establishments (within risk categories A, B) were completed.
- 4.2 The number of food establishments less than broadly compliant with food hygiene law reduced from 13 on 1 April 2023 to nine on 1 April 2024.
- 4.3 The percentage of food establishments achieving a hygiene rating of five (very good) using the National Food Hygiene Rating Scheme was 81% on 1 April 2024.
- 4.4 The Council received £54,602.59 of grant funding from DEFRA to assist in preparing for the introduction of new imported food checks resulting from the implementation of the Government’s border target operating model.
- 4.5 The Council received £16,994.25 of grant funding from the Food Standards Agency which fully funded additional surveillance of imported foods resulting in greater legal compliance from importers and a substantial increase in the number of consignments being presented for checks at the border control post.

### 5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The current year revenue budget to deliver the Food Safety Function is £331,095. The proposed Service Plan can be delivered within the existing budget. There are no capital costs associated with the delivery of the Service Plan.

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
Council Priorities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support for businesses and helping people into local jobs</li> <li>- Our communities are safe, healthy and connected</li> </ul>

Policy Considerations:	None
Safeguarding:	All inspectors trained in safeguarding essentials
Equalities/Diversity:	Equality Impact Assessment already undertaken; issues identified actioned.
Customer Impact:	Food consumed within the district is safe.
Economic and Social Impact:	Facilitate vibrant hospitality sector within the district. Facilitate frictionless movement of controlled goods arriving at GB through East Midlands airport.
Environment, Climate Change and Zero Carbon:	None
Consultation/Community/Tenant Engagement:	None
Risks:	If the Council fails to discharge its duty imposed by the Food Safety Act 1990 the enforcement functions may be transferred to another authority. Adverse publicity, both locally and nationally may be received.
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