

Extract from Minute No. 71 Food Law and Health and Safety Enforcement Service Plan 2025-26

In response to questions raised, the Strategic Director for Operations advised that:

- the number of eating establishments in the city was 1,070;
- the benchmarking of 99% 'good' vs 56 food poisoning cases was against other authorities and benchmarking data would be shared outside the meeting;
- the links in the report would be checked and updated to ensure they reference the right corporate plan objectives;
- the comparison with previous years for service requests for noise, nuisance, light pollution, business-related antisocial behaviour would be incorporated;
- Heads of Service had working on producing service plans within their service and some of that data had been captured in the report;
- a link to Devon Health and Wellbeing Board could be incorporated; and
- details of interventions across the corporate premises would be provided outside of the meeting.

Responses to Questions raised for responding outside of the meeting:

the benchmarking of 99% 'good' vs 56 food poisoning cases was against other authorities and benchmarking data would be shared outside the meeting;

- 99% does compare very highly to other authorities, especially in a city setting. It is difficult to benchmark food poisoning data as the majority of food poisoning cases occur in the domestic setting or as a result of poor hand hygiene as opposed to being linked to a register food establishment.

The links in the report would be checked and updated to ensure they reference the right corporate plan objectives;

- The plan was drafted before the new objectives were adopted but will be updated.

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- The service is responsible for the regulation of food establishments run by the Council. Health and Safety at Council premises is regulated by the Health and Safety Executive, although the team's expertise is drawn upon by corporate premises for advice and support.