

EXETER CITY COUNCIL

**SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – COMMUNITY
5 JUNE 2007**

**EXECUTIVE
19 JUNE 2007**

SERVICE PLAN FOR FOOD LAW ENFORCEMENT 2007/8

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Food Standards Agency Framework Agreement requires the Council to produce a Service Plan for Food Law Enforcement referred to as the Enforcement Plan.
- 1.2 The Enforcement Plan has the key aim of demonstrating how the Council will fulfil its statutory obligations in respect of its food safety service.
- 1.3 This report seeks Member approval for the adoption of the Enforcement Plan, a draft copy of which is available in the Members' Room, on the Council's website or available on request.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The current Enforcement Plan 2006/07 was supported by the Scrutiny Committee - Community at their meeting on 28 February 2006 and subsequently adopted by the Council.
- 2.2 Since many of the food enforcement documents require periodic/annual review, they have been incorporated into the Enforcement Plan in order to provide a comprehensive and consolidated package detailing the food safety activities of the Council.
- 2.3 The Enforcement Plan includes:
 - the service aims and objectives;
 - information about the food enforcement and related services provided by the Council;
 - details of the service's performance management systems; and
 - comprehensive information to compare the current and past performance of the food safety service.
- 2.4 The Enforcement Plan also incorporates:
 - the Food Service Delivery Plan 2007/8 detailing the actions and improvements for the service over the forthcoming year. This was supported by Scrutiny Committee – Community at its meeting on 27 February 2007, (minute 19/07 refers) and subsequently adopted by the Council.

- the annual food sampling programme which outlines the actions to fulfil the aims of the Council's Food Sampling Policy which is also posted on the Council's website and subject to periodic review.

3. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Service Plan for Food Law Enforcement will be carried out within existing resource allocations for 2007/08.

4. RECOMMENDED

4.1 That Scrutiny Committee - Community supports and Executive approves:

- 1) that the Service Plan for Food Law Enforcement 2007/8 is adopted;
- 2) the Head of Environmental Health be authorised to make appropriate changes to the Enforcement Plan in the light of centrally issued guidance and /or to meet operational needs.

HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

S:LP/Committee/607SCC11
14 May 2007

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)

Background papers used in compiling this report:-

- 1) Food Service Delivery Plan 2007/8
- 2) Service Plan for Food Law Enforcement 2006/7