



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER MEETING 31 JANUARY 2006

Report of the Director of Environmental Services

FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY AUDIT

RECOMMENDATION

1. To note the results of the Food Standards Agency Audit.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Food Standards Agency has audited the activities of our Environmental Health and Trading Standards Officers in their Food Safety Act duties.
- 2.2 The main aim of the audit scheme is to maintain and improve consumer protection and confidence, by ensuring local authorities are providing an effective food law enforcement service.
- 2.3 In their focused audit the Agency's auditors looked at three specific areas of our work:
 - home authority principle arrangements
 - advice to businesses
 - food/animal feeding stuffs safety and standards promotion
- 2.4 The audit started with a detailed questionnaire and was followed by an in depth review of files and interviews with staff. The audit was concluded with a 'reality check' where the two auditors contacted businesses to ask about our service.
- 2.5 In a written report to the Chief Executive the auditors have made positive comments and have found no areas of work in need of improvement.
- 2.6 Their comments conclude that they found "a wide range of diverse and innovative food initiatives was being undertaken which included partnership working and working with other bodies" and "the authority was clearly working with food businesses to help them comply with food legislation and was actively promoting food safety and food standards".
- 2.7 The full report is attached and can also be viewed on the Food Standards Agency's website at:

www.food.gov.uk/multimedia/pdfs/derbyhapaudit.pdf

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

3. The audit was carried out at the request of the Food Standards Agency as part of their food law enforcement role.

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Background papers: None
List of appendices: Appendix 1 - Implications
Appendix 2 - Audit Report

Appendix 1

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None arising out of this report.

Legal

2. There is a statutory duty placed on the Council to enforce food legislation.

Personnel

3. None arising out of this report.

Equalities Impact

4. None arising out of this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. **Healthy, safe and independent communities.**