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Report of the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods

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SUMMARY

1.1 Each year the council must produce a Food Law Enforcement Plan. This plan is required to identify the obligations placed on the Council by The Food Safety Act 1990, the Food Hygiene (England) Regulations 2006, the Official Feed and Food Controls (England) Regulations 2006, The Food Labelling Regulations 1996, The Agriculture Act 1970 and The Animal Health Act 2006 and the resources made available to officers to discharge these obligations.

RECOMMENDATION

2.1 To recommend the Food Law Enforcement Plan 2011/2012 be approved by the Council.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Plan will be used as a basis of any audit undertaken by the Food Standards Agency (FSA).
- 3.2 The plan is written to meet all the requirements of the FSA in terms of its content and format.
- 3.3 The Food Law Enforcement Plan 2011/2012 is consistent with last years plan. Copies have been placed in the Members' Room for information and the document can also be viewed on CMIS.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 None

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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None
Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 In April 2011 due to financial pressures on the authority the former Environmental Health and Trading Standards Division was restructured. The main changes were the integration of the Food Safety Team and Health and Safety into a new Food & Safety Team where upon 5.2 posts were lost and the integration of the Trading Standards Inspection team and Trading Standards Complaints and Enquiries team into a Trading Standards Team where upon 4 posts were lost.

Legal

2.1 The Council has a statutory duty to enforce the aforementioned legislation.

Personnel

3.1 None arising from this report.

Equalities Impact

4.1 None

Health and Safety

5.1 A Health and Safety risk assessment has been completed for all duties outlined within the plan.

Environmental Sustainability

6.1

Asset Management

7.1 None

Risk Management

8.1 A further reduction in staffing resources could result in the failure to meet with our statutory duties and a loss in reputation. The regulation of food safety and standards is crucial in the protection of public health.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

9.1	Proper enforcement of the aforementioned legislation contributes to the Council's priorities for Good health and well-being .