

CABINET MEMBER DECISION



SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL

Decision:

That the progress made on the food and health and safety related enforcement during 2021/22 and the ongoing recovery of service delivery following the Covid-19 pandemic is noted.

That the Work Plan for Food and Health and Safety Enforcement for 2022/23 is approved.

(1) **Details of Decision**

To note the progress made on food and health and safety related enforcement during 2021/22 and the ongoing recovery of the service delivery following the Covid-19 pandemic and to seek approval for the Work Plan for Food and Health and Safety Enforcement for 2022/23.

(2) **Considerations/Evidence**

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) requires each Local Authority to produce an annual Food Work Plan in accordance with the guidelines set out in the Agency's Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement. This document dictates the structure and content of the workplan.

The FSA use the information contained in the plan to assess the Council's delivery of the service and compare performance against other authorities. The FSA has powers to take over the management of the food service from local authorities who fail to meet performance standards.

The workplan is predominantly produced to satisfy the requirements of the FSA, but also demonstrates how the Council will comply with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) National Local Authority Enforcement Code and incorporates work undertaken on other associated activities, including infectious disease control and the regulation of private water supplies.

On 26 May 2021, the FSA Board approved its Covid-19 Local Authority Recovery Plan which highlighted the pressures that the pandemic placed on Local Authority food teams, as well as the impacts of changes in the hospitality sector and wider food industry. The Council continues to meet the delivery plan milestones set out by the FSA. This recovery phase runs through to 2023/24.

(3) Reasons for Decision:

The Council has a duty to produce a work plan for food and health and safety enforcement under the FSA Framework Agreement and HSE National Local Authority Enforcement Code.

Conflicts of Interest

(Any conflict of interest declared by any other Cabinet Member consulted in relation to the decision to be recorded).

None

Dispensations

(Any dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer in respect of any declared conflict of interest to be noted).

None

Decision taken by:

Name: Councillor Annie Mason
Cabinet Member for People & Safer Communities

Date of Decision: 08 August 2022

Date of Publication of Record of Decision: 09 August 2022

Date decision effective (i.e. 5 days after the date of publication of record of decision unless subject to call-in by the Chairman of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee or any 5 members of the Council from any political groups):

17 August 2022