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DISTRICT
COUNCIL

Non-key Decision

Councillor Dr Peter Moseley

Cabinet Member for Commercial and
Operations



Food and Health and Safety Enforcement Workplan 2021-22

This report presents the Work Plan for Food and Health and Safety Enforcement for 2021/22.

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Recommendation (s) to the decision maker (s)

1. Notes the progress made on food and health and safety related enforcement during 2020/21 and the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on programmed and reactive work.
2. Approves the Work Plan for Food and Health and Safety Enforcement for 2021/22.

1 The Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 On 26 May 2021, the FSA Board approved its Covid-19 Local Authority Recovery Plan which highlights the ongoing pressures that the pandemic is placing on Local Authority food teams, as well as the impacts of changes in the hospitality sector and wider food industry. It proposes a way forward to re-start the regulatory delivery system for the highest risk businesses and providing greater flexibility for lower risk businesses wherever possible.
- 1.5 The Recovery Plan details the resumption of planned interventions and other activities at food establishments during the period from 1 July 2021 through to 2023/24. The South Kesteven District Council Food and Health and Safety Workplan provides for resources to be targeted in line with the requirements of the Recovery Plan but cannot fully account for any potential future Covid-19 impacts which may affect its delivery.

2 Available Options Considered

- 2.1 The work plan has been produced to satisfy FSA requirements, however, there may be changes to the plan and the work undertaken due to the unprecedented impacts and requirements brought about by continuing Covid-19 response requirements.
- 2.2 It is a requirement to produce the document, therefore, there are no other options available to the Authority.

3 Preferred Option

- 3.1 Approval of the work plan at Appendix 1.

4 Reasons for the Recommendation (s)

- 4.1 To satisfy the duty held by the Council to produce a work plan for food and health and safety enforcement under the FSA Framework Agreement and HSE National Local Authority Enforcement Code.

5 Financial Implications

- 5.1 The delivery of the workplan can be met from budgetary resources allocated in the 2021/22 budget framework. Additional external funding to support Outbreak Management is also being utilised to support additional staff resource in this area.

Financial Implications reviewed by: Alison Hall-Wright, Head of Finance

6 Legal and Governance Implications

- 6.1 The Council is required under the FSA Framework Agreement and the HSE National Local Authority Enforcement Code to produce a work plan for food and health and safety enforcement.
- 6.2 Failure to provide and publish this document contravenes HSE and FSA requirements and would result in a breach of duty.
- 6.3 The approval of the work plan appended to this report will satisfy that duty and demonstrates a commitment of the Council to food and health and safety enforcement.

Legal Implications reviewed by: Mandy Braithwaite, Legal Executive

7 Equality and Safeguarding implications

- 7.1 No significant impacts have been identified. Any enforcement action is taken in accordance with the Council's enforcement policies.

8 How will the recommendations support South Kesteven District Council's declaration of a climate emergency?

- 8.1 Planned inspections are undertaken in the most efficient manner possible to reduce unnecessary travel and vehicle use.

9 Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1 – South Kesteven District Council Work Plan for Food and Health and Safety Enforcement 2021/22

Report Timeline:	Date decision made	26 July 2021
	Call-in deadline	3 August 2021
	Date decision effective (subject to call-in)	4 August 2021