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## Non-Key Decision

Councillor Annie Mason

Cabinet Member for People & Safer  
Communities



# Food & Health and Safety Enforcement Workplan 2022/23

This report presents the workplan for food and health and safety enforcement for 2022/23.

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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 2021/22 and the ongoing recovery of service delivery following the Covid-19 pandemic
2. Approves the Work Plan for Food and Health and Safety Enforcement for 2022/23

## **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 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.

## **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 should a major incident occur such as a pandemic, fatal workplace accident investigation.

## **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 2022/23 budget framework.

Financial implications reviewed by **Alison Hall-Wright, Head of Finance and ICT**

## **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 workplan 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 workplan 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**

Appendix 1 – South Kesteven District Council Work Plan for Food and Health and Safety Enforcement 2022/23

<b>Report Timeline:</b>	Date decision due to be made	08/08/2022
	Call-in deadline	16/08/2022
	Date decision effective (subject to call-in)	17/08/2022