

## Community and Health Committee

22 June 2015

### Food Safety and Health & Safety Enforcement 2015/16 Service Plans

*Report of:* Ashley Culverwell

*Wards Affected:* All

*This report is:* Public

#### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Brentwood Borough Council must provide Service Plans for approval by Members with respect to its statutory obligations to enforce all relevant provisions of food safety and health and safety legislation within its area. These Service Plans identify how the service intends carrying out the proactive and reactive elements of inspections and investigations to ensure the continuing safety of both business employees and the public. It also includes measures taken to aid businesses in compliance such as the provision of training and the food hygiene rating scheme.

#### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Food Safety and Health and Safety Enforcement Service Plans 2015/16 (Appendices A & B) be approved by Members.**

#### 3. Introduction and Background

Both Service Plans are required by legal Code of Practice produced by the Health and Safety Executive and Food Standards Agency. These documents dictate the measures necessary to ensure that all relevant businesses are inspected relative to risk. Such Service Plans are approved by Committee on an annual basis.

#### 4. Issue, Options and Analysis of Options

- 4.1 Member approval is sought in compliance with Codes of Practise and because these service plans impact upon businesses. In following the requirements of the Governments' Better Regulation Agenda, this will be

done in a transparent and accountable way having proper regard to the sensitivities of business and the local economy. There are no other options available as an alternative to legal enforcement and compliance with regulatory codes.

## **5. Reasons for Recommendation**

- 5.1 Members are requested to approve these Plans as they directly affect the welfare of businesses, the public and visitors to the Borough. The Food Safety Plan ensures that high standards are maintained in commercial food production, and the Health and Safety Plan ensures the safety of local employees, the public and visitors to businesses.

## **6. Consultation**

- 6.1 No consultation is required in advance of submission of these Plans to Committee.

## **7. References to Corporate Plan**

- 7.1 With regard to the priority; 'Prosperous Borough' these service plans support businesses by safe-guarding public safety through risk-based regulation as applied in accordance with the 'Regulators Code produced under the Governments' Better Regulation Agenda'.
- 7.2 With regard to the priority; 'Localism' the service plans encourage businesses to invest through improvements directly in Brentwood's communities.

## **8. Implications**

### **Legal Implications**

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- 8.1 The Legal Officer has been consulted and is in agreement with the legal information provided in these reports.

### **Financial Implications**

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- 8.2 The financial resources required to carry out the Service Plans are included in the existing budget.

**Other Implications** (where significant) – i.e. Health and Safety, Asset Management, Equality and Diversity, Risk Management, Section 17 – Crime & Disorder, Sustainability, ICT.

8.3 There are no corporate health and safety or asset management implications. There are no equality/diversity or risk management implications.

9. **Background Papers** (include their location and identify whether any are exempt or protected by copyright)

**Food Law Code of Practice**

<http://www.food.gov.uk/enforcement/enforcework/food-law/>

**Food Law Practice Guidance England**

<http://multimedia.food.gov.uk/multimedia/pdfs/practiceguidanceeng.pdf>

**Food Standards Act**

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1999/28/contents>

**National Local Authority (LA) Enforcement Code**

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/lau/la-enforcement-code.htm>

10. **Appendices to this report**

Appendix A Food Safety Service Plan 2015/16

Appendix B Health and Safety Service Plan 2015/16

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