
Licensing and Protection Panel

Report of the meeting held on 23 June 2015.

Matters for Information

1. SERVICE PLAN FOR FOOD LAW ENFORCEMENT 2015/16.

Further to Item No.12, of their previous report to Council, the Panel has given further consideration to the draft Service Plan for Food Law Enforcement for 2015/16. The Plan has been developed to comply with the requirements of the Food Standards Agency and outlines how the Council will deliver its food safety enforcement function, the resources required to deliver it and the outcome of the previous year's performance.

Consideration of the Plan had been deferred from the Panel's last meeting in view of Members concerns regarding the uncertainty of resources within the Commercial Team. However on this occasion with the inclusion of the outturn data for 2014/15, performance indications for the first quarter of the year and the knowledge that it has been reviewed against current resources, the Panel has been satisfied that the Plan is sufficiently robust and will enable programmed and un-programmed activity to be delivered in 2015/16.

Given that the Panel had previously suggested that there could be a role for them to monitor performance against the Service Plan, Members have welcomed the intention of the Head of Community to report on levels of activity on a regular basis. This monitoring role will become more important as resources within the Authority become further reduced.

Approval of the Plan is reserved to Council and appears elsewhere on the Council Agenda. However, the Panel has noted the future intention of the Head of Community to seek to change the approval process for future years such that this is delegated to the Licensing and Protection Panel.

2. SERVICE PLAN FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATION 2015/16

The Health and Safety Executive requires every local authority to outline how it will fulfil its duty to make adequate arrangements for the enforcement of the relevant statutory provisions within its area. For this purpose, the Panel has approved the contents of the Service Plan for Health and Safety Regulation for 2015/16. The Plan has

been developed to comply with the requirements of the National Local Authority Enforcement Code and sets out how the health and safety function within the Council will be delivered, the resources available to deliver the service and the outcome of a review of the previous year's performance.

3. REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

The Panel has appointed a number of representatives to outside organisations for the ensuing Municipal Year.

4. LICENSING AND PROTECTION APPLICATIONS SUB-GROUP

The Panel has noted details of the five meetings of the Applications Sub-Group that took place between 22nd April and 11th June 2015.

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Chairman