

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Health

FOOD SAFETY SERVICE PLAN 2023/241. Purpose of report

To advise Members of, and seek approval for, a revised Food Service Plan.

2. Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to consider the Food Service Plan and RESOLVE that the Food Service Plan 2023-24 be approved.

3. Detail

The Food Standards Agency Framework Agreement sets out what the Food Standards Agency expects from local authorities in their delivery of official controls on food law. It includes the requirement to prepare a statutory Food Service Plan and prescribes in detail which areas of the service should be covered by the plan.

The plan describes how the service is discharged and details the numbers, types and priority ratings of the borough's food premises, the frequencies of planned interventions, sampling programmes, health promotion activities, reactive work, including responding to food complaints, food hazard warnings and investigating cases of infectious disease. As well as containing data from the last financial year, the plan contains information on proposals for undertaking duties in 2023-2024.

A full copy of the proposed Broxtowe Borough Council Statutory Food Service Plan 2023-2024 is attached.

4. Financial Implications

The comments from the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

There are no additional financial implications for the Council with operational costs being contained within existing budgets.

5. Legal Implications

The comments from the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal Services were as follows:

Failure to have an agreed plan in place is contrary to the Food Law Code of Practice (England) (amended March 2021) requirements and can be a point of failure if the Council receives an audit by the Food Standards Agency. The plan is subject to amendment and review in accordance with good practice, guidance and legal controls.

6. Human Resources Implications

There were no comments from the Head of Human Resources.

7. Union Comments

There were no Union comments.

8. Data Protection Compliance Implications

This report does not contain any [OFFICIAL (SENSITIVE)] information and there are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

9. Climate Change Implications

There were no comments from the Climate Change Manager.

10. Equality Impact Assessment

There was no Equality Impact Assessment.

11. Background Papers

Nil.