

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety

Annual Food Safety Service Plan 2024/251. Purpose of Report

To advise Members of and seek approval for the Food Safety Service Plan 2024/25

2. Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to RESOLVE that the Annual Food Safety Service Plan 2024/25 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 2024/25.

A full copy of the proposed Broxtowe Borough Council Statutory Food Service Plan 2024/25 is attached in the **Appendix**.

4. Key Decision

This report is a key decision as defined under Regulation 8 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 as it covers more than 2 Wards.

5. Updates from Scrutiny

Not applicable

6. Financial Implications

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

There are no additional financial implications to consider with the cost of operational activity being contained within existing budgets. Any significant budget implications in the future, over and above virement limits, would require approval by Cabinet.

7. 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.

8. Human Resources Implications

There were no comments from the Human Resources Manager.

9. Union Comments

There were no Union comments.

10. Climate Change Implications

There are no climate change implications contained within the report.

11. 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.

12. Equality Impact Assessment

An equality impact assessment is not required as there is no change to an existing policy.

13. Background Papers

Nil.