

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety

Annual Food Safety Service Plan and Occupational Safety Work Programme 2026-20271. Purpose of Report

To advise Members and seek approval for the annual Food Safety Service Plan and Occupational Safety Work Programme 2026-2027. This is in accordance with our core priority to create a "greener, safer, healthier Broxtowe where everyone prospers."

2. Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to RESOLVE that the Annual Food Safety Service Plan 2026-2027 and the Annual Occupational Safety Work Programme 2026-2027 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 Food Safety Service 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 2026/27.

The Food Safety Service continues to have completed all of the inspection programme for 2025-2026 in accordance with the Food Standards Agency Code of Practice, Practice guidance and the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme Brand Standard.

A full copy of the proposed Broxtowe Borough Council Statutory Food Service Plan 2026/27 is attached in **Appendix 1**.

The Occupational Safety Work Programme describes the Occupational Safety and Health Enforcement proposals for undertaking duties in 2026/27.

Under Section 18(4) of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, local authorities must make 'adequate arrangements for the enforcement' of health

and safety law. The National Local Authority Enforcement Code explains what is meant by 'adequate arrangements' and sets out the risk-based, proportionate approach local authorities should follow when planning and delivering interventions.

The Code provides flexibility for local authorities to address local issues while supporting national priorities identified by HSE. These priorities are detailed in LAC 67/2 Setting Local Authority Priorities and Targeting Interventions.

The proposed Occupational Safety and Health Enforcement Work Programme 2026/2027 is attached at **Appendix 2**.

4. Key Decision

This report is not a key decision as defined under Regulation 8 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

5. Updates from Scrutiny

Not applicable.

6. Financial Implications

The comments from the Interim Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer 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 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 are no comments from the Human Resources Manager.

9. Union Comments

Not applicable.

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.