

## **Environmental Health Food Service Plan**

### **Report by Eibhlin McHugh, Acting Director, Communities and Wellbeing**

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

To request that Cabinet ratifies the Food Service Plan for 2012/13.

#### **2. Background**

The Food Standards Agency Framework Agreement defines a Local Authority's responsibilities in delivering a food enforcement service.

The Framework Agreement states that Council has a duty to provide an up to date food service plan and stipulates that *"To help to ensure local transparency and accountability, and to show their contribution to the authority's corporate plan, feed and food service plans and performance reviews should be approved at the relevant level established for that local authority, whether that is Member, Member forum, or suitably delegated senior officer level."*

The Food Service Plan for 2012/13 is attached as Appendix 1. An overview of service performance against the 2011/12 plan is attached as Appendix 2.

#### **3. Report Implications**

##### **3.1 Resource**

There are no budget implications arising from the Plan that cannot be met from within the existing food safety revenue budget.

##### **3.2 Risk**

Both the Environmental Health Service and the Trading Standards Service deliver statutory functions and this Plan is produced in pursuance of these functions. Failure to produce and implement a food safety plan leaves the local authority open to the challenge of failing in its statutory duty.

##### **3.3 Single Midlothian Plan and Business Transformation**

Themes addressed in this report:

- ☐ Community safety
- ☐ Adult health, care and housing
- ☐ Getting it right for every Midlothian child
- ☐ Improving opportunities in Midlothian
- ☐ Sustainable growth
- ☐ Business transformation and Best Value
- X None of the above

### **3.4 Impact on Performance and Outcomes**

This report supports the Corporate Priority to Maintain Midlothian as a safe place to live, work and visit.

### **3.5 Adopting a Preventative Approach**

The Council is committed to following the principles of the future model of service delivery in developing its business:-

The Food Service Plan services delivers a statutory function and ensures that services are targeted and focused to the most high risk food premises thereby aiming to prevent crises through timely intervention.

### **3.6 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders**

Consultation with the Public Analyst service takes place as part of the preparation of the plan. A copy of the plan is published on the Council's website for business and public information and comment.

### **3.7 Ensuring Equalities**

There are no known equality issues arising from this report.

### **3.8 Supporting Sustainable Development**

There are no sustainability issues arising from this report.

### **3.9 IT Issues**

There are no IT issues arising from this report

## **4 Recommendations**

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- (a) Agrees to the Environmental Health Food Service Plan 2012/13.
- (b) Notes the contents of the overview of service performance against the plan for 2011/2012.

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**Background papers:**

Food Standards Agency Framework Agreement Departmental File

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