

REPORT TO: PLANNING AND REGULATORY SERVICES COMMITTEE ON 3 JUNE 2008

SUBJECT: FOOD ENFORCEMENT SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN 2008/09 AND REVIEW 2007/08

BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Committee approval of the Food Enforcement Service Delivery Plan 2008/09 and the Performance Review based on the Service Delivery Plan 2007/08.
- 1.2 Approval is being sought so as to ensure compliance with the Food Standards Agency Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement (Framework Agreement).
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section E(37) of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to Environmental Health.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **It is recommended that the Committee approves the Food Enforcement Service Delivery Plan 2008/09, and the Performance Review based on the Service Delivery Plan 2007/08, as detailed in Appendix 1.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Council's Food Enforcement Service Delivery Plan is developed annually to ensure compliance with the Food Standards Agency Framework Agreement. Included within the Food Enforcement Service Delivery Plan is a requirement to undertake a Performance Review annually in order to ensure compliance with the Framework Agreement.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Corporate Development Plan/Community Plan/Service Improvement Plan

The contents of the Food Enforcement Service Delivery Plan and Review are consistent with these plans.

(b) Policy and Legal

The authority has a statutory duty to comply with the Framework Agreement including requirements for Planning Management and Delivery of Food Law Enforcement Service.

(c) Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)

Financial/Staffing implications

A Core Audit carried out by the Food Standards Agency (Scotland) on 3-6 April 2006 highlighted that the Moray Council has not appointed a sufficient number of Authorised Officers to carry out what is set out in the Service Delivery Plan. This shortfall was addressed by The Moray Council on 14 February 2008 when approval was granted for two permanent Food Safety Officer posts. One of these posts is still vacant. It has been advertised twice but it has not been possible to fill the vacancy.

(d) Consultations

None.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 That the Committee approves the Food Enforcement Service Delivery Plan 2008/09 and the Performance Review based on the Service Delivery 2007/08.**

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Background Papers:

Ref: JMcL/JC