

**APPROVAL OF THE 2021/2024 FOOD AND HEALTH AND SAFETY SERVICE PLAN**

Committee: Operational Services Committee

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1.0 **ISSUE**

1.1 The Council needs to update its service plan for both food and safety to satisfy requirements of the Food Standards Agency and Health and Safety Executive.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 The Committee is asked to approve the East Cambridgeshire District Council Food and Health and Safety Service Plan at Appendix 1.

3.0 **BACKGROUND/OPTIONS**

3.1 Officers are authorised by East Cambridgeshire District Council to carry out a number of statutory functions according to food and health and safety laws.

3.2 Under the National Local Authority Enforcement Code (National Code) East Cambridgeshire District Council is required to develop and approve a Health and Safety service plan. The National Code is given legal effect under Section 18 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974.

3.3 Under the Food Safety Act 1990 and Food Standards Agency Framework Agreement (Amendment No. 5, 2010), the Food Standards Agency requires East Cambridgeshire District Council to have a Food Safety service plan.

3.4 The Food Standards Agency requires local authorities to present its food policy in accordance with its Framework Agreement Amendment and the Health and Safety service plan has been included into this.

3.5 During the Covid pandemic routine food hygiene work was scaled back, under direction from the Food Standards Agency. Member's attention is drawn to the Food Standard Agencies roadmap to recovery which aims to restore confidence in the food safety system by March 2023.

3.6 The Plan covers a multi-year period as the service realigns with the demands of routine inspections and the expected return of consumer habits.

#### 4.0 COSTS

4.1 The Costs to the Council in providing these services is detailed on page 14 of the attached report and is balanced against a measure of income for services the Council are able to charge for.

#### 5.0 ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSIONS

5.1 The East Cambridgeshire District Council's service plans for Food and Health and Safety allow the Council to satisfy the requirements for these of both the Food Standards Agency and Health and Safety Executive.

#### 6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

6.1 The cost of officer time spent collating the documents

6.2 Equality Impact Assessment IST completed and attached Appendix 2

#### 7.0 APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Food and Health and Safety Service Plan 2021/24

Appendix 2 Equality Impact Assessment

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<u>Background Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Officer</u>
Background Documents Food Standards Agency Framework Agreement Amendment No.5: April 2010	Room SF202 The Grange, Ely	Richard Garnett Senior Environmental Health Officer (01353) 616472 richard.garnett@eastcambs.gov.uk
Food Safety Act 1990 s.40		
Health and Safety Executive LAC 67 (2) Rev 7		
National Local Authority (LA) Enforcement Code		