

**Body:** CABINET

**Date:** 25 October 2006

**Subject:** FOOD SERVICE PLAN 2006/7

**Report Of:** Assistant Director - Housing and Health

**Ward(s)** All

**Purpose** To seek Members' approval for the 2006/7 Food Service Plan outlining the proposed Food Safety work of the Council.

**Decision Type:** Key decision

**Recommendation:** To approve the Food Service Plan 2006/7.

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## **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 The Food Standards Agency (FSA) was created in April 2000 to protect the public's health and consumer interest in relation to food.
- 1.2 It has a statutory responsibility to oversee the Local Authority enforcement role in Food Safety, and has produced a Framework Agreement on LA Food Enforcement which sets out the standards to which LAs are expected to work.
- 1.3 The Framework Agreement requires a Food Service Plan to be submitted to Cabinet for approval.

## **2.0 About the Food Service Plan**

- 2.1 The first Annual Food Service Plan was produced last year and this report presents the plan for the current year.
- 2.2 Copies of the full text of the service plan have been circulated to the members of the Cabinet, Leader of the Opposition and Opposition Spokesperson only in the interests of economy. Copies have been placed in the Members' Room and at the Town Hall reception for inspection purposes and may be viewed on the Council's website at <http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk/council/meetings/cabinet>

2.3 A summary is given in the appendix to this report.

### **3.0 Consultation**

3.1 None required.

### **4.0 Resource Implications**

4.1 Details are in the Plan; currently we anticipate being able to deliver the plan within existing resources.

### **5.0 Summary of Options**

5.1 To approve or alter the Food Service Plan.

### **6.0 Conclusion**

6.1 Cabinet are recommended to approve the Food Service Plan.

**Ian Fitzpatrick**  
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#### **Background Papers:**

The Background Papers used in compiling this report were as follows:

Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement  
FSA Food Law Code of Practice and Practice (England) and Practice Guidance 2006

To inspect or obtain copies of background papers please refer to the contact officer listed above.

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**Summary of Food Service Plan 2006/7**

1. Risk rating of food premises has generated an inspection list for the year. The aim this year is to inspect 505 of our 995 premises, plus any new businesses. In addition to this we are also involved in the development of written food safety systems for catering businesses using the "Safer Food, Better Business" project which will require additional inspections to the annual inspection programme.
2. Food complaints will be assessed and if necessary investigated. The response we provide will be proportionate to risk to public health.
3. The Health Protection Agency's Sampling Allocation for Eastbourne for food microbiological samples is £8,343 which will facilitate a full range of sampling.
4. We will continue to investigate incidents and outbreaks of food poisoning and viral gastroenteritis.
5. We also respond to Food Safety Alerts from the FSA; Last financial year we responded to 103.
6. We will visit and inspect food businesses operating at major events.
7. We will establish 'Home Authority' arrangements with any emerging Eastbourne based national food businesses as necessary.
8. We will give consideration to imported food issues when inspecting premises and investigating complaints.