

ANGUS COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL & LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE

FOOD SERVICE PLAN 2003-04

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

ABSTRACT

The Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement requires the Council to devise and implement a Food Service Plan on an annual basis.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee adopt the Food Service Plan for 2003-04.

2. BACKGROUND

In terms of the legislation which established the Food Standards Agency (FSA) it clearly defines that one of the key roles of the FSA is to oversee the enforcement activities of Food Authorities.

In the opinion of the FSA the Service Plan should ensure that national priorities, standards and targets are delivered locally. Provision of the Plan will also:

- Provide a means of managing performance locally and facilitate comparisons with other Local Authorities.
- Provide a link with financial planning.
- Set objectives for the future.
- Focus debate on key delivery issues.

3. THE PLAN

In accordance with the Framework Agreement Document the following information is contained in the Plan:

- Details of the Service
- Resources provided for service delivery.
- The requirement for the revision of the Plan.

The format of the Plan is as follows:

Section 1	The Aims and Objectives
Section 2	Background Information
Section 3	Service Delivery
Section 4	Resources Devoted to the Service
Section 5	Quality Assessment
Section 6	Review of the Plan

The 2003-04 Plan has been submitted to Committee for approval in accordance with the Framework Agreement Document.

A copy of the Plan will be available in the Members Lounge.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The resources to meet the demands on the Service outlined in the Plan shall be funded from the agreed Revenue Budget for 2003-04.

However, in terms of the Framework Agreement Document the Council may be required to address variances with this Plan as a result of its Review in 2004 and therefore additional funding may have to be directed to this function in financial year 2004-05.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS

This Report has no implications in terms of the Human Rights legislation.

6. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Director of Law and Administration and Director of Finance have been consulted on the contents of this report.

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Director of Environmental and Consumer Protection

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.

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