

Report on	Food Service Plan for 2022/2023
Date of Meeting	15th September 2022
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update Members on the Environmental Health Unit Food Service Plan 2022/2023.
2.0	Background
2.1	The Food Standards Agency (FSA) requires each competent authority to have an up-to-date documented Food Service Plan readily available to food business operators (FBOs) and consumers, which is a requirement of their audit processes. The plan must be subject to regular review and clearly state the period of time during which the plan has effect.
2.2	The plan must cover all areas of food law that the competent authority has a duty to enforce and set out how it intends to deliver official controls within its area.
2.3	The FSA requires Competent Authority to have regard to any advice issued by FSA in Northern Ireland when drafting the Food Service Plan.
2.4	The current relevant advice issued by the FSA relates to the Local Authority Recovery Plan, issued as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The FSA Recovery Plan covers the period from 1 st July 2021 to March 2024, and includes the timeframe to which this Food Service Plan relates (April 2022 – March 2023).
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Food Standards Agency's 'Framework Agreement on Local Authority Law Enforcement' sets out what the FSA expects from local authorities in their delivery of official controls on feed and food law, based on the existing statutory Codes of Practice.
3.2	The requirements of the FSA Local Authority Recovery Plan have also been included within the Food Service Plan for 2022/2023. The FSA has indicated that local authorities should, where they are able to, move at a faster pace than set out in the Recovery Plan to enable realignment with the requirements of the Food Law Code of Practice.
3.3	Therefore, the Environmental Health Unit's Food Service Plan for 2022/2023 has been developed in order to meet the requirements outlined in the Framework Agreement and to take account of the Local Authority Recovery Plan. The Plan covers in detail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The aims and objectives of the food service

3.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The profile of the council, including the organisational structure and the scope of the service provided • The ways in which the service will be delivered and the targets for its delivery • The human and financial resources involved in providing the service • The ways in which the quality of the service will be monitored and improved upon • The ways in which the service will be reviewed and improved upon. <p>The Food Service Plan also includes a review of the delivery of the food service during the period April 2021 – March 2022.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: As detailed in Food Service Plan. Annual incoming grant contribution of £139,018.54 from the FSA for 2022/2023 which reflects an increase from 2021/22 of £35,645.78. Grant amount may vary on an annual basis and subject to change. Considered as part of MUDC annual rates estimates process.
	Human: Officer time
	Risk Management: Considered in line with relevant Council policies and procedures..
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None anticipated at this juncture.
	Rural Needs Implications: None anticipated at this juncture.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	To note the contents of this report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix A: Food Service Plan April 2022– March 2023 for Mid Ulster District Council's Environmental Health Department.