

Report on	Correspondence received from the Food standards Agency in relation to the Covid-19 recovery plan for local authority delivery of food law controls
Date of Meeting	5 th July 2021
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Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update elected members on correspondence which has been received from the Food standards Agency in relation to the Covid-19 recovery plan for local authority delivery of food law controls.
2.0	Background
2.1	From the start of the Covid-19 pandemic the Food Standards Agency (FSA) have been in regular contact with Local Government in respect of Food control priorities in relation to the various changes in Covid related guidance across the food landscape.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	In order to assist Councils in prioritising support for the COVID-19 related work and to take account of the various lockdowns and relaxations in relation to food businesses, the FSA have circulated over a number of months communications outlining priorities in relation to Food Control.
3.2	The latest communication attached at Appendix 1 from the CEO of the FSA thanks the Councils for their work in safeguarding their communities and helping to control the spread of the disease.
3.3	The letter refers to the Food Control Recovery Plan and provides a framework for re-starting the Food Control delivery system taking a measured and risk based approach that ensures that resources are targeted where they add greatest value.
3.4	The letter urges each council to ensure that the resources required to deliver the food control programme remain in place or returned to Food Control if temporarily redeployed elsewhere.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications

	Financial: Within existing budget.
	Human: Within existing EH staffing.
	Risk Management: N/a
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/a
	Rural Needs Implications: N/a
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	To note the content of the report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	None