

**CABINET MEETING – 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2012**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET - PART 1**

**Title of Report:**

Response from Scrutiny Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 - Food Law Enforcement Service Plan 2012/13

**Author(s):**

Head of Law and Governance

**Purpose of Report:**

To advise the Cabinet of the comments of the Scrutiny Committee on a report presenting the Food Law Enforcement Service Plan 2012/13 which has been formulated to comply with the current recommendations of the Food Standards Agency Framework Agreement and outlines the national priorities and standards for service delivery.

**Description of Decision:**

That the Cabinet be recommended to note the comments of the Scrutiny Committee.

**Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework** \*Yes/No

**If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework**

**Suggested reason(s) for Decision:**

The Foods Standards Agency which monitors and audits Local Authority activities requires Food Law Service Plans to be approved by Members to ensure local transparency and accountability. The plan forms part of the Council's policy and budgetary framework as defined in the Constitution.

**Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:**

There are no practical alternative options as failure to produce a Food Law Enforcement Plan would conflict with the requirements of the Food Standards Agency.

**Impacts analysed;**

Equality  Privacy  n/a Sustainability  Crime and Disorder  n/a

**Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in The Constitution?**

Yes

**Is it included in the Forward Plan?**

Yes

Scrutiny Committee



**RESPONSE FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2012 - FOOD LAW ENFORCEMENT PLAN 2012/13**

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

To advise the Cabinet of the comments of the Scrutiny Committee on a report presenting the Food Law Enforcement Service Plan for 2012/13 which has been formulated to comply with the current recommendations of the Food Standards Agency Framework Agreement and outlines the national priorities and standards for service delivery.

**2. Description of Decision**

That the Cabinet be recommended to note the comments of the Scrutiny Committee.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 The Cabinet at its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 considered a report by the Executive Director of City Services presenting the Food Law Enforcement Service Plan 2012/2013 which had been formulated to comply with the current recommendations of the Food Standards Agency Framework Agreement and outlined the national priorities and standards for service delivery.
- 3.2 The report sought the Cabinet's recommendation to Council to approve the Food Law Enforcement Service Plan 2012/2013.
- 3.3 The report was referred to the Scrutiny Committee for advice and consideration. The Plan is part of the Council's policy framework set out in Article 4 of the Constitution.

**4. Comments of the Scrutiny Committee**

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Committee endorsed the Food Law Enforcement Service Plan 2012/13 and recommends the Cabinet to submit the Service Plan to Council for approval.

**5. Reasons for the Decision**

- 5.1 The Foods Standards Agency which monitors and audits Local Authority activities requires Food Law Service Plans to be approved by Members to ensure local transparency and accountability. The plan forms part of the Council's policy and budgetary framework as defined in the Constitution.

## **6. Alternative Options**

- 6.1 There are no practical alternative options as failure to produce a Food Law Enforcement Plan would conflict with the requirements of the Food Standards Agency.

## **7. Background Papers**

Report to the Cabinet on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2012

Minutes of the Scrutiny Committee 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2012.