

Summary of Individual Executive Member Decisions taken on 31 May 2012

Part I

Trading Standards service plan 2012 (Item 1.)

Individual Decision No: ID2474
Portfolio Member: Councillor Hilary Cole

Resolved that the Trading Standards Strategic Delivery Plan 2012-14 be approved, subject to the inclusion of the appropriate amendments as set out in the addendum below:

Consultation Response from Cllr Alan Macro

Response	Comment
Consumer Protection, which I view as a prime function of the Council, is missing.	Will add new bullet point to make this explicit.
Businesses achieving compliance through self regulation is not a mission, but a method of achieving other functions. Its inclusion here gives it undue prominence.	This is a national priority and reflects the move to risk based enforcement. Will amend to read <i>'In line with national priorities will maintain a risk based approach to inspection which allows for better use of resource and reduces the burden on compliant businesses.'</i>
Food safety is not specifically included in the list at the top of page 9. It should be	Will reference the fact that protection of safety and health are of the highest priority.
There are a large number of bridges with weight restrictions in the authorities' areas. 30 weight restriction checks per year therefore seems insufficient.	This comes down to priorities. We only have limited resource to devote to this function and we believe this maintains a reasonable level of compliance.
Streetcare cases should be added to the sources of intelligence for locations and sources of fly-tipping	Will insert.

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Response	Comment
<p>Schools should be added to the sources of intelligence for under-age tattooing and sun-bed use.</p> <p>The RSPCA should be added to the sources of intelligence for animal welfare problems.</p>	<p>Will insert.</p> <p>Will insert.</p>
<p>What is the definition of "primary production points"? Would premises where food produced elsewhere is re-heated be included? If not, they should be included in a separate category.</p>	<p>Primary production is defined in Food Standards Agency guidance. This definition will apply.</p>
<p>The service plan covers the years 2012 to 2014, so the term "emphasis this year" should be changed.</p>	<p>The food plan is an annual plan and will be reviewed next year. This will be made clearer in the reference to it in the introduction.</p>
<p>The 80 officer days for food standards inspections and the 20 for food hygiene at primary production seems woefully inadequate for the 399 high and medium risk food premises on the database, particularly if re-inspections have to be carried out.</p>	<p>All high risk and half of medium risk premises are visited annually. We believe the resource level estimate is correct but if not resource will be moved to ensure that the inspection programme is delivered.</p>
<p>Presumably, the planned expenditure of £25K for food standards sampling and £10K for agriculture sampling does not include staff costs.</p> <p>Why is there no separate cost centre for the trading standards food enforcement function?</p>	<p>Correct. This is sampling and analysis cost.</p> <p>In the context of the shared service this is not considered necessary.</p>

This decision is eligible to be 'called-in'. However, if the decision has not been 'called-in' by 5.00pm on 12 June 2012, then it will be implemented.

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