

Decision Schedule

Cabinet Member for Regulatory Functions

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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The Cabinet Member took the following decision on 21 July 2015. It will become effective at Noon on 28 July 2015 with the exception of any particular decision(s), which is (are) the subject of a valid "call-in".

The deadline for submission of a ['Call-in' request form](#) is 4.00 pm on 27 July 2015.

Information relating to the 'Call-in' process can be found on the website or via Democratic Services.

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DECISION NUMBER RF 03/15

Subject: Public Protection Food Law Business Plan 2015-2016

Options Considered/Reason for Decision

The Cabinet Member considered the Public Protection Food Law Business Plan 2015-16.

The Framework Agreement on Official Feed and Food Controls by Local Authorities, issued by the Food Standards Agency, requires the Council's Food/Feed etc plans to be approved. These have been combined into one Food Law Business Plan – Appendix.

For Food Safety, Communicable Disease, Feed Standards and Food Standards it was required that local authorities produced business plans to help to ensure local transparency and accountability, and to show their contribution to the authority's corporate plan, that 'plans and performance reviews should be approved at the relevant level established for that local authority, whether that is Member, Member forum, or suitably delegated senior officer level'. 'Records should be kept to show that business plans have received appropriate approval'. This was set out in 'The Framework Agreement on Official Feed and Food Controls by Local Authorities' issued by the Food Standards Agency. Powers enabling the Agency to monitor and audit local authorities were contained in the Food Standards Act 1999 and in the Official Feed and Food Controls Regulations.

It was always possible that one or more teams within Public Protection could be subject to an External Audit during a financial year. Should the relevant Business Unit Plans not have been approved, then the Organisation completing the audit was likely to be highly critical of the situation and may suggest that the activities set out in the Plans were not sufficiently supported or given oversight at a suitable level within the Council.

Decision

To approve the Food Law Business Plan 2015-16

Consultation

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People and Business Change

All Members were consulted and provided with an opportunity to comment when previously circulated. Any comments received and responses thereafter are set out in the Report.

Implemented by: Head of Law and Regulation

Implementation Timetable: Immediate

COUNCILLOR R POOLE, CABINET MEMBER FOR REGULATORY FUNCTIONS

21 July 2015
