

LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT

FOR INFORMATION

NAME OF WARD ALL

**REPORT TITLE : SERVICE PLAN FOR FOOD SAFETY ENFORCEMENT 2003/4**

**1.0 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The Food Standards Agency require that each local authority publish annually, a service delivery plan specifying the arrangements that they have put in place for the enforcement of food safety, food standards and feedingstuffs standards, for approval by members.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 The service plan be agreed and approved as the authority's plan for food law enforcement through 2003/4.

**3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 There are no additional financial implications above the budget allocation previously approved and currently being implemented. The issues in the service plan concern how current resources will be utilised this year.

**4.0 STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no additional staffing implications suggested by this report.

**5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The service plan has implications for environmental safety in terms of the protection of consumers' rights and safety from potential risks associated with the sale of food in Brent.

**6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The Council has a duty to enforce food safety legislation. The Food Standards Act 1999 gave the Food Standards Agency powers to monitor and audit local authority enforcement performance and where performance is unsatisfactory, to take that function away from the failing authority.

## 7.0 DETAIL

### Service Plan for Food Safety Enforcement

- 7.1 In 2000, the Food Standards Agency published the *framework Agreement on Local Authority Law Enforcement* specifying the arrangements that each food authority needs to put in place for the enforcement of food safety, food standards and feedingstuffs legislation.
- 7.2 The *Framework Agreement* requires each food authority to publish an annual service plan for food safety enforcement, to be provided in a prescribed format and to provide the following information:
- The services provided by the food authority
  - The means by which they will provide those services
  - The means by which they will meet performance targets and standards
  - A review of the authority's past performance

## 8.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### Details of Documents:

- 8.1 The Food Standards Agency *Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement* can be accessed on the Agency's website at [www.foodstandards.gov.uk](http://www.foodstandards.gov.uk)
- 8.2 Any person wishing to inspect the above papers should contact Elizabeth Georgeou, Service Manager (Food Safety), Environmental Health, Brent House, 349 High Road, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 6BZ, Telephone: 0208 937 5259

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