

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Head of Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services

Licensing Committee: 2 October 2007

Subject: Food Service Plan 2007/2008

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1** To seek Committee approval of the Food Service Plan 2007/2008. (Appendix 1).

2.0 Background

- 2.1** The Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement issued by the Food Standards Agency requires an annual Food Service Plan to be approved by Committee.

3.0 Main Issues

- 3.1** The Service Plan includes details of activities undertaken during 2006/2007 and has been updated to reflect changes introduced and the progress of the Regulatory Services food enforcement service during the year.
- 3.2** New European Community Food Hygiene Regulations were introduced in January 2006 which replaced existing food hygiene regulations. These introduced a new requirement for all food businesses to have a documented food safety management system.
- 3.3** The Food Law Code of Practice (Scotland) and Food Law Practice Guidance (Scotland) have been reviewed in light of these legislative changes and were issued on 12 September 2006. These changes necessitated a further revision to the Regulatory Services food service manual which details the operational procedures for authorised officers.
- 3.4** Support to local businesses to meet their new legal obligations through the adoption of the CookSafe Food Safety Assurance System was continued to 31 December 2006 with funding provided by the Food Standards Agency Scotland.
- 3.5** The Eatsafe Award scheme continues to be actively promoted by the Environmental Health Section and eleven local food businesses including

five school catering kitchens have now received this award for food safety excellence.

- 3.6** Promotional activities continue to be developed and local initiatives and campaigns are planned throughout 2007/2008. Our Hygiene Scene Hand-washing promotion message has reached over 4000 primary school pupils and many more parents and staff. This campaign was awarded a Highly Commended Certificate at the 2006 National Annual Foodlink Awards. The Food Standards Agency 'Mission: Possible' Project will be launched in October 2007 to further develop pupils' learning of food safety and hygiene issues.

4.0 Personnel Issues

- 4.1** There are no personnel issues.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1** Additional funding of £10,000 has been secured by the Environmental Health Section from the Food Standards Agency to run the 'Good Food: The Facts Campaign'. This campaign consists of many projects aimed at highlighting food safety and healthy eating to the community.

6.0 Risk Analysis

- 6.1** Failure to approve The Food Service Plan would be deemed to be non-compliant with the mandatory requirements of the Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1** Approval of the attached plan is required to secure compliance with the Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement.

8.0 Recommendation

- 8.1** That the Committee approve the Food Service Plan 2007/2008.

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Date: 31 August 2007

Wards Affected:	All
Appendix:	Appendix 1 Food Service Plan 2007/2008
Background Papers:	Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement
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