

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services

Community Safety & Environmental Services Committee: 2 August 2006

Subject: Food Service Plan 2006/2007

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to seek Committee approval of the Food Service Plan 2006/2007.

2. 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. Main Issues

- 3.1** The Service Plan includes details of activities undertaken during 2005/2006 and has been updated to reflect the departmental changes introduced and the progress of the Environmental Services Division food 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 enforcement guidance contained within the statutory code of practice and practice guidance issued to local authorities has also required review in the light of these legislative changes and is due to be issued in the near future. These changes necessitate a further revision to Environmental Services food safety manual which details the food services 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 is continuing until 31 December 2006.
- 3.5** The Eatsafe Award scheme continues to be actively promoted by the Environmental Health Section and two local food businesses 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 2006/2007.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1** Additional funding of £32,390 has been secured by the Environmental Health Section from the Food Standards Agency to provide the 'CookSafe' project referred to in section 3.4.
- 4.2** Food Standards Agency grants amounting to £13,000 have been awarded to the Environmental Health Section to support the activities set out in section 3.6.

5. Personnel Issues

- 5.1** There are no personnel issues.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1** The Committee is invited to approve the Food Service Plan 2006/2007.

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Wards Affected:	All
Appendix:	Appendix 1: Food Service Plan 2006/07
Background Papers:	Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement
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