

Summary – Statutory Food Service Plan

The Statutory Food Service Plan sets out how the City of Wolverhampton Council will work over the coming year to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the safety and quality of food prepared and sold in Wolverhampton is of the highest standard.

The plan meets the requirements laid down by the Food Standards Agency and is designed to ensure that local people and residents can clearly see what the Service does, how our services are delivered and the resources we have to do this.

In brief the plan explains that the Service carries out:

- a full range of food hygiene and standards work as required by the Food Standards Agency, including inspections, sampling and responding to Service Requests.
- a range of advisory work, to help local businesses and residents ensure that food manufactured sold and consumed in the City of Wolverhampton is safe to eat and is correctly labelled.

The priority areas of work for 2018 are:

- to carry out 100% of all Food Hygiene inspections at A-D rated premises
- to carry out full food hygiene and food standards interventions of approved premises
- to develop a consultancy service introducing charges for tailored business advice and guidance.

The overall budgetary provision for the Service is anticipated to be in the region of £1.9 million for 2018. The services resourced through this budgetary provision include: -

- Food hygiene
- Food standards
- Infectious disease investigation and control
- Compositional and microbiological sampling
- Health and safety including accident investigations, stadia certification, etc.
- Public health (relating to commercial businesses, i.e. nuisance, noise, drainage, etc.)
- Licensing enforcement (vehicles and premises)
- Street scene regulation
- Trading Standards

The monitoring of performance against the Service Plan is detailed in the plan and involves the Head of Service, Service Leads and employee groups. In addition, there is external review of performance through the statutory return to the Food Standards Agency.