**CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL** 

ON THE AGENDA

## Report to Audit & Scrutiny Committee

#### Date of Meeting: 7 March 2024

#### Subject: Environmental Health Official Food Control Progress Report

## Report by: Strategic Director (Place)

#### 1.0 Purpose

1.1. To present an overview of the progress the Council's Official Food Control Service Plan, April 2023 to March 2024 (appendix 1), submitted to Food Standards Scotland for review in June 2023.

#### 2.0 Recommendations

2.1. That the Committee note, comment on and challenge the performance of the Council's food law regulation service.

#### 3.0 Considerations

#### 3.1. Background

- 3.1.1. The Council, as the food law enforcing authority in Clackmannanshire, has a statutory duty to provide a food law regulation service that meets the requirements of Assimilated Regulation (EU) 2017/625, the Food Law Code of Practice (Scotland) 2019 and the Food Law Interventions Code of Practice (Scotland) 2019.
- 3.1.2. Food must be manufactured, prepared, distributed and handled by food businesses in accordance with relevant food safety laws. This ensures that food businesses do not pose a risk to public health. Where food businesses contravene food law in Clackmannanshire, the Council's Environmental Health Service must take appropriate regulatory action to remedy the situation in accordance with the Council's Food Law Enforcement Policy.
- 3.1.3. Clackmannanshire Council implemented a recovery program for the restart of Food Law inspections as the delivery of routine interventions ceased during Covid. This work followed direction provided by Food Standards Scotland (FSS) on local authority recovery. It is based on a phased approach to ensure that resources are focussed on businesses which present the greatest risk. The team is midway through this program of work which is due to be completed by March 2025.

## 3.2. *Review Process*

- 3.2.1. The review process focuses on examining evidence to verify whether the Council complies with the planned arrangements for food law enforcement and whether planned arrangements are being applied effectively. Checks are carried out to verify and validate that the Codes of Practice are being implemented correctly by the Council.
- 3.2.2. Analysis of electronic evidence held by the Council and verification of documentation is carried out, to ensure that policies, procedures and codes of practice have been correctly followed during the inspection process.

## 3.3. *Review Findings*

3.3.1. Progress with the plan is set out in the table below. For background, full details of group/banding categories and compliance matrix can be found via the following link https://www.foodstandards.gov.scot/publications-and-research/publications/interventions-food-law-code-of-practice-scotland-2019. In general terms, Group 1 are higher risk food manufacturers with Group 3 being lower risk in relative terms.

Group / Band	Number Due in 2023/24	Achieved (%) by end Dec 23
1A	1	0%
1B	7	86%
1C	2	100%
1D	0	N/A
1E	0	N/A
Group1 Unrated	1	100%
2A	0	N/A
2B	135	23%
2C	85	68%
2D	6	100%
2E	0	N/A
Group2 Unrated	3	100%
3A	0	N/A
3B	59	9%
3C	21	67%
3D	1	100%
3E	0	N/A
Group3 Unrated	8	43%
Approved	1	100%
Establishments		
Primary Production	1	100%

- 3.3.2 The Environmental Health Team is on target to complete the inspection program in all categories except for three. These are highlighted as bold in the table above.
- 3.3.3 Work has been prioritised following FSS recovery guidance. The team is on target to deliver official controls at all higher risk premises. This includes the Approved Establishment; all Group 1s; intensive interventions within all Groups; and Band Cs in Groups 2 and 3. In addition, the team have been

inspecting new businesses. This includes those registered prior to the inspection plan and also those registered during this reporting year.

- 3.3.4 There has been slippage in the inspection programme for compliant businesses in Band 2B and 3B. Both bands contain the largest number of businesses within the inspection program. Although rated as compliant, it has been some time since they were inspected and there is a risk that standards could slip. Given the level of resources available, the team will need to continue to prioritise higher risk premises. However, these Band 2B and 3B businesses will always be visited if any complaints regarding food safety/hygiene issues are received.
- 3.3.5 The team continues to manage the ongoing turnover of businesses. During the 9 month period, 34 businesses have closed or changed ownership, and 35 new businesses have started to trade. This turnover requires significant resources as the majority of new businesses require significant input from the Environmental Health Team to help them understand and achieve compliance.

#### 4.0 Sustainability Implications

4.1. NIL

#### 5.0 Resource Implications

- 5.1. Staffing
- 5.2. Staff have been working on a hybrid basis between the office and their home. All Officers have full remote access to the IT systems.
- 5.3. There have been vacancies within the team this financial year. There was a vacancy created within the team due to an internal promotion in June 2023 following retirement of the Team Leader. This post has been advertised but the Council was unsuccessful in recruiting a suitable individual and it remains vacant. In addition, there has been one officer on maternity leave over the past year. This reduction in available resources has impacted on the team's ability to deliver the full inspection program. Food safety work also has to be balanced with the Public Health work which is mainly reactive and unplanned.
- 5.4. Food Standards Scotland audited Clackmannanshire's Environmental Health Service in 2022 and even though at that time the Team was fully staffed it was identified through the resource calculation process for food law enforcement that there is a 1.2 FTE resource deficit of Environmental Health Officers identified through the resource calculation process for food law enforcement. As has previously been reported to this Committee, it is contended that a recent change in the rating of food businesses, introduced by Food Standards Scotland, has increased our inspection liability. It is therefore considered that central government should provide funding for this deficit or revise the new rating system so as to be resource neutral. This was fed back to Food Standards Scotland and is under consideration. Other local authorities are anecdotally of the same view as this service. Food Standards Scotland is still reviewing the rating scheme to ensure that it is "resource neutral" as originally intended.

## 6.0 Exempt Reports

6.1. Is this report exempt? Yes (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

## 7.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

## (1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box $\square$ )

Clackmannanshire will be attractive to businesses & people and ensure fair opportunities for all Our families; children and young people will have the best possible start in life Women and girls will be confident and aspirational, and achieve their full potential Our communities will be resilient and empowered so that they can thrive and flourish ✓

(2) Council Policies (Please detail)

Development Services Food Law Enforcement Policy 2022

## 8.0 Equalities Impact

8.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?
 Yes □ No ☑

## 9.0 Legality

9.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes ☑

## 10.0 Appendices

10.1 Please list any appendices attached to this report. If there are no appendices, please state "none".

Appendix 1: Official Food Control Service Plan 23/24

# 11.0 Background Papers

11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

Yes □ (please list the documents below) No ☑

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Appendix 1



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# **Development Services**

**Official Food Control Service Plan** 

1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Approved by Strategic Director of Place



(Pete Leonard)

15 June 2023 Date

# Section 1 - Service Aims and Objectives

## 1. Aims & Objectives

- 1.1. Safe food and drink is something that is taken for granted by the majority of the population. The safety of this fundamental human need relies on a competent, trustworthy and managed supply chain. Regulation of this process is undertaken by Environmental Health professionals working in local authorities. The consequence of failure can be costly in terms of human health, and also public confidence in the food industry and government.
- 1.2. Clackmannanshire Council recognises the importance of ensuring that all food produced and sold within the county is safe. Providing a service capable of carrying out the statutory duties placed upon the Council is fully recognised. This Official Food Control Service Plan underlines the Council's commitment to fulfilling those duties and it covers the key areas of food law regulation for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The Council remains committed to:
  - provide the resources needed to meet the statutory obligations and duties placed upon it to maintain a safe food supply in Clackmannanshire
  - ensure officers are trained and meet the requirements of Continual Professional Development to carry out food control duties
  - ensure officers have sufficient equipment, adequately maintained, to carry out their statutory duties in relation to food control
- 1.3. Clackmannanshire Council's food law service is provided by the Environmental Health team. The team's objectives are to ensure that:
  - Food is safe and authentic
  - Responsible food businesses are enabled to thrive
  - Consumers are empowered to make positive choices about food

These objectives support those contained within Food Standards Scotland's Corporate Plan 2021-24<sup>1</sup>.

- 1.4. This Service Plan supports the priorities of Clackmannanshire Council's Place Directorate Business Plan<sup>2</sup>. That Business Plan sets out the main priorities to be pursued and outcomes to be achieved taking account of the Corporate Plan. The Official Food Control Service Plan contributes to the following Corporate Outcomes:
  - Sustainable, inclusive growth
  - Empowering individuals, families and communities
  - Health and wellbeing

## Section 2 – Background

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Food Standards Scotland - Healthy, Safe, Sustainable: Driving Scotland's Food Future Corporate Plan 2021-24

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Clackmannanshire Council Place Directorate Business Plane 2021-23

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# 2. Profile of Clackmannanshire Council

- 2.1. Clackmannanshire Council is the smallest mainland Scottish Council. The county covers an area of 61 square miles and has a population of 51,450<sup>3</sup>. It's bounded by the Ochil Hills in the North and the River Forth in the South. Neighbouring authorities are Fife, Perth & Kinross, Stirling and, south of the River Forth, Falkirk. Clackmannanshire is a mix of rural and urban areas with Alloa as the main town. The district is primarily residential in nature with no large industrial sites.
- 2.2. The 2011 census contains details of Clackmannanshire's population statistics and can be found at <u>http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/ods-web/area.html</u>

## **Organisational Structure**

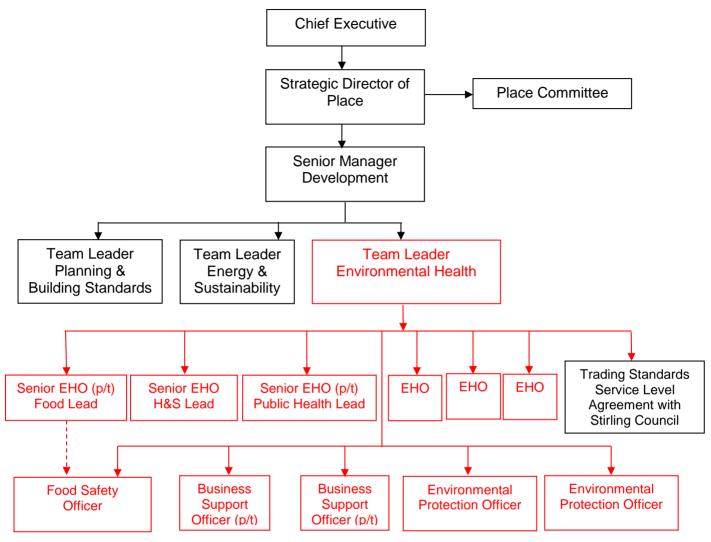
- 2.3. Clackmannanshire Council has three directorates, each managed by a Strategic Director. They are:
  - People
  - Place
  - Performance and Partnerships

The Place Directorate covers Housing, Property, Development and Environment. Environmental Health is situated within Development Services. This service includes predominantly statutory, front-line services that support community health & safety, well being and economic prosperity. This includes:

- Planning
- Building Standards
- Trading Standards
- Environmental Health
- City Deal / Regional Economic Partnership
- Regeneration
- Climate Change
- 2.4. The Council's Environmental Health Officers and Environmental Health Technical Officer are responsible for the entire range of Environmental Health work, in addition to the delivery of the food control service. They are supported in non-food Environmental Health work by two Environmental Protection Officers. Environmental Health is managed by the Environmental Health Team Leader. The Team Leader is the Council's Lead Officer responsible for delivery of Official Food Controls for food law. A Senior Environmental Health Officer, with specialist food knowledge, has responsibility for routine food control service activities. The Team Leader also manages the service level agreement for the provision of the Trading Standards service within Clackmannanshire which is provided by Stirling Council.
- 2.5. The Structure of Environmental Health within Development Services is detailed in the diagram below. Red writing and red lines denote the Environmental Health staff:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> National Records of Scotland 2021

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Dashed lines denote supervisory duties, solid line denotes management duties.

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## Scope of the Food Service

- 2.6. The scope of the food law work undertaken by Environmental Health includes:
  - Programmed food law inspections of food businesses.
  - Assisting businesses to meet their legal obligations in terms of food law by providing appropriate advice and information
  - Enforcement of the legal requirements in respect of food law through formal regulation, e.g. Hygiene Improvement Notices, Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Notices, Remedial Action Notices, Reports to the Procurator Fiscal, etc.
  - Issue of Food Hygiene Information Scheme ratings
  - Investigation of cases of food poisoning
  - Investigation of food complaints and complaints about food premises
  - Approval of premises in terms of EU Hygiene Regulations
  - Sampling of foods for analysis by Glasgow Council Scientific Services
  - Consultation to the Licensing Board and other Council Services
  - Consultation advice on Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982
  - Advice on all food law matters to the general public and others
  - Responding to Food Alerts issued by Food Standards Scotland (FSS)
  - Issue Export Health Certificates for exports to third countries.
- 2.7. As the EHOs are generic officers, they also undertake all other statutory functions required by the service which includes public health, health and safety and statutory nuisance. Officers are also involved with supporting businesses and Forth Valley Health Board with compliance and reacting to complaints and incidents.
- 2.8. The Environmental Health service is located at Kilncraigs, Greenside Street, Alloa, FK10 1EB. Normally, the offices are open from 9:00am to 5:00pm for access by the public. At this time, there is no public access except by prior appointment. Officers are currently working on a hybrid basis between the office and their home. All staff have full remote access to IT systems for home working. Officers work flexible hours between 8:00am and 6:00pm. Out of hours services are provided when necessary by arrangement with officers although there is no formal system of out of hours cover.

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## Demands on Food Service

2.9. Clackmannanshire has 557 Registered Food Premises. The current profile of these businesses are as follows:

Business Type	Number of Businesses
Approved Establishment	1
Primary Producers	3
Manufacturers and Packers	26
Importers / Exporters	0
Distributors / Transporters	10
Supermarket / Hypermarket	16
Small Retailer	90
Retailers Other	12
Restaurant / Café / Canteen	75
Hotel / Guest House	9
Pub / Club	48
Take-away	57
Caring Premises	86
School / College	27
Mobile Food Unit	13
Restaurants & Other Caterers	85

FLRS Group/Band	Α	В	С	D	E	Unrated
1	2	7	2	0	0	1
2	0	183	85	6	0	3
3	81	137	37	1	0	8

Annex 5 Risk Rating	No. Establishments	Risk Rating (FH)
Approved	1	В
establishments		
Primary Production	3	1D / 2E

2.10. Performance for the service, in terms of food control delivery, is measured by:
Completion of the annual food law inspection programme within timescales specified in the Code of Practice. Clackmannanshire's target for performance on this standard is detailed in the table below:

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	1	2	3
FLRS Band A			0%
		80%	
FLRS Band B	100%		50%
FLRS Band C			
FLRS Band D		100%	100%
FLRS Band E			
Approved Est	100%		
Primary Production	50%		

- Officers achieving the required 10 hours Continuing Professional Development
- Response times to service requests
- Internal monitoring of officers delivering the food control service by the Senior EHO for food, including accompanied inspections.
- The completion of an annual food sampling programme that is focussed on the safety and quality of food locally produced and sold.

# **Enforcement Policy**

2.11. The Council has produced a Food Law Enforcement Policy which is agreed by the Place Committee. This document sets out what businesses can expect from the enforcement officers whilst undertaking food law work. Enforcement will be applied in a graduated, risk-based manner and resources shall be targeted at those businesses which pose the greatest risk to health.

## 3. Section 3 - Service Delivery

## Inspections at Food Establishments

- 3.1. In September 2021, Clackmannanshire Council implemented a recovery program for the restart of food law inspections as the delivery of routine interventions ceased during the Covid pandemic. This work was prepared following direction provided by FSS on local authority recovery<sup>4</sup>. It is based on a phased approach and ensures that resources are focussed on businesses which present the greatest risk. The team is midway through this program of work which is due to be completed by March 2025. Details of the full recovery strategy are in Annex 1.
- 3.2. The table below details the planned program of food interventions for 2023-24:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Food Standards Scotland – Local Authority Recovery Project Recovery Process Guidance (Dec 2020)

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FLRS Group/Band	Α	В	С	D	E	Unrated
1	1	7	2	0	0	1
2	0	135	85	6	0	3
3	0	59	21	1	0	8

Annex 5 Risk Rating	No. Establishments	Risk Rating (FH)
Approved	1	В
Establishments		
Primary Production	1	1D

- 3.3. This program contains the backlog of inspections not completed during the previous year. This includes 32 Group 2Bs and 2 Group 3 Unrated new businesses.
- 3.4. All programmed interventions are by way of inspection, including new unrated businesses. Officers undertake inspections in accordance with Clackmannanshire Council's Enforcement Policy and Inspection Procedure which incorporates the provisions of the Food Law Code of Practice Scotland, Practice Guidance and other centrally issued guidance.
- 3.5. It is estimated that officers will be required to undertake at least 170 revisits to follow up on significant contraventions raised during routine inspections. This number is an estimate based on previous history as the need to revisit can only be determined once the initial inspection has been undertaken.
- 3.6. New businesses that register with Environmental Health are entered onto the team's database. The target for all new businesses to be inspected is within 3 months of opening and they shall be allocated on a risk basis.

## **Food Complaints**

3.7. The investigation of food complaints is in accordance with the Council's written procedure and all complaints are reviewed and investigated. Action taken shall be proportionate to risk. Based on data from previous years, an estimate of 46 complaints relating to problems with food items or poor practices at a business is predicted. However, this type of work is reactive and can not be planned.

## **Home Authority Principle**

3.8. The Council supports the Home Authority Principle and Primary Authority Scheme. It does not act as Home or Primary Authority for any business. Where an officer is considering taking enforcement action which they believe may be contrary to any

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advice issued by the relevant Home/Originating or Primary Authority, they will discuss the facts with the relevant Authority before action is instigated.

## Advice to Business

3.9. Clackmannanshire Council provides advice for businesses either on request or in the course of normal service operation. The Council is committed to providing quality and comprehensive advice to local food businesses and this is reflected in the Enforcement Policy and written procedures.

## **Food Sampling**

3.10. A sampling programme is prepared each year which incorporates local producers, exported food, SFELC/FSS national sampling priorities and local issues. Sampling is carried out by the Environmental Health Officers and the Environmental Health Technical Officer in accordance with written procedures. The Council has appointed Glasgow City Council Scientific Services as Food Examiner and Public Analyst and all food samples for examination and analysis are submitted to them.

## Control and Investigation of Outbreaks and Food Bourne Infectious Disease

3.11. The Council, in partnership with, and led by, Forth Valley Health Board, investigates all reported cases of outbreaks and food related infections. This is in accordance with procedures agreed with Forth Valley Health Board. The Team Leader Environmental Health attends meetings with the Consultant in Public Health Medicine as called.

## **Food Law Incidents**

3.12. All food law incidents reported to the Council by local food businesses will be dealt with in accordance with the Council's procedures. These procedures follow the requirements of the Food Law Code of Practice Scotland. The Council's procedures extend to reports of food safety incidents through the alert system operated by Food Standards Scotland. All alerts "for action" are acted upon if relevant to businesses in Clackmannanshire. A record of all alerts is kept electronically.

## Liaison with other Organisations

3.13. The Environmental Health team maintains positive liaison with many organisations. The food law code of practice requires local authorities to work together with national bodies to contribute to consistency of enforcement. The team works with other local authorities through attendance of the East of Scotland Liaison Group (ESFLG) and the Scottish Food Enforcement Liaison Committee (SFELC). The Senior Environmental Health Officer for Food Safety is the Chair of the ESFLG and is a representative on the SFELC. The service is audited by Food Standards Scotland and there is a strong commitment to attend any events organised by this agency. The Council also provides full commitment to supporting working groups.

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## **Food Crime and Fraudulent Activities**

3.14. The Environmental Health team will work with the Food Crime and Incidents Unit at Food Standards Scotland in support of work undertaken on food fraud and food crime. During routine inspections and sampling, Officers are looking for evidence of any attempts to mislead consumers or provide food which is dangerous. The team shall share intelligence with this agency and assist with any investigation as required.

## Section 4 – Finance and Staffing

#### **Financial Allocation**

4.1. The following financial resources are available to the service for **all** Environmental Health Work, including food control delivery and it is not possible to break this figure down any further:

Staff	£470,045
Transport	£2,326
Equipment Maintenance	£4,424
Equipment Purchase	£1,000
Staff Clothing	£570
Materials	£1,500
Training (Centrally Held)	£2,000

- 4.2. The staffing budget has dropped slightly from the previous financial year. This decrease is due to pay rises which included backdated pay in the previous year and staff numbers remain stable. The training budget has also been reduced by 28%. This reduction will not affect food CPD for authorised officers and results from an adjustment based on underspend in previous years.
- 4.3. Clackmannanshire Council must ensure that services are prioritised on meeting targets and fulfilling statutory obligations to protect people's health, safety and welfare. Recent years have seen slight reductions in budget but for the period of this service plan the position remains stable. The Council must ensure that it maintains a food control service that meets statutory obligations.
- 4.4. The Council continues to face challenging times and further budget cuts but, at this current time, it is not planned for further reductions in Environmental Health's staffing levels or budget allocation. The Council is fully committed to meeting statutory duties and any future changes will not impact on its ability to deliver services at that level.

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# **Staffing Allocation**

4.5. The Environmental Health team at Clackmannanshire Council are generalist officers that adapt and react to the multiple functions that the profession covers. This includes public health, statutory nuisance, health and safety and food control. All posts are currently filled. The team's current staffing levels and the proportion of officer time historically dedicated to food controls are listed in the table below:

Position	All EH Work (FTE)	Food Control Work (FTE)
Team Leader Environmental Health	1	0.3
Senior / Environmental Health Officer	5	2.8
Environmental Health Technical Officer	1	0.6
Environmental Protection Officer	2	0
Total	9	3.7

4.6. The resources required for delivery of the 2023-24 food control program has been calculated to require 3.7 full time equivalent (FTE). This is compatible with the available resources within the team. Full details of the resource calculation are available in Schedule 2. The levels of competency and authorisation of staff is as outlined in the Inspection Procedure and Enforcement Policy. The Business Support and Environmental Protection Officers are not authorised in any capacity for food control work.

## Staff Development Plan

4.7. Clackmannanshire Council is committed to staff development and during the Performance, Review and Development process training needs are identified and where possible these needs are fulfilled. Internal training is also carried out which includes all aspects of Environmental Health. All Officers authorised to undertake food law work shall complete at least 10 hours training as part of their continuing professional development (CPD) to maintain competency.

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# **Section 5 - Monitoring**

## **Quality Assessment and Internal Monitoring**

- 5.1. The Council is committed to providing quality services and has in place a system of internal monitoring. This covers:
  - review of files to check that inspection procedures etc. have been carried out;
  - review of all reports submitted to the Procurator Fiscal prior to submission
  - checks on all formal enforcement notices issued;
  - checks on informal reports issued;
  - accompanied inspections and visits to check quality and practices;
- 5.2. The performance of this Authority against the Service Plan will be monitored by:
  - comparison of annual inspections against the inspection programme
  - annual review of food sampling;
  - annual review of procedural guidance
  - annual training assessment.

## Section 6 – Review

## Review against the service plan

- 6.1. The Service Delivery Plan will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Team Leader Environmental Health to assess its relevance to current operations and targets and will be amended where there are significant changes. The Official Food Control Service Plan will be submitted annually to the Head of Service for approval.
- 6.2. An end of year report will be submitted to the Strategic Director identifying where the service has varied form the Service Plan, the reasons for this and the actions taken as a consequence.
- 6.3. Any areas of improvement of service delivery identified will be set out within the review with proposals for their implementation.

# Areas for Improvement / Challenges

- 6.4. The recovery of the food law inspection program is a significant undertaking for the team and shall take until 2025 before the full plan will have sufficiently recovered. It is important that Officers are supported throughout this transition so that they deliver a competent service. Over the past few years, the operational and economic pressures have been extremely challenging for the food industry and have resulted in a changing landscape within the food industry which will have an impact on the inspection program. Many businesses have started trading online for the first time, some have introduced higher risk processes and cut backs often affect the general standard of compliance.
- 6.5. The recovery is made more complex by the transition to the new food law rating scheme. This new scheme has changed the inspection profile of the businesses due

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to the different priorities built into the scheme, resulting in many businesses requiring inspection on a more frequent basis. Large or complex businesses are to be inspected more frequently due to their inherent risk. The introduction of intense interventions is effective at securing improvement at poorly performing businesses. However, this involves significant officer time. A significant number of lower risk premises are being risk rated at higher inspection frequencies due to the increased priority placed on food standards. Also, the option to extend the inspection frequency to two years for highly compliant businesses has changed. A business will need to demonstrate over a period of three inspections that they have sustained a high level of compliance before they can be placed on this lower inspection frequency which will take at least five years. All these factors contribute towards a heavier inspection program moving forward.

- 6.6. The Interventions Food Law Code of Practice (Scotland) does not apply to Approved Establishments. This type of businesses will be addressed in a future Code of Practice which will include the introduction of the Official Control and Verification manual. Implementation of this new inspection regime requires to be fully introduced now at Approved Establishments. Officers will require support with this change in working practices.
- 6.7. An officer is on maternity leave. This commenced in September 2022 and is expected to be for a full year. The post has been vacant although part time officers have been working some additional hours since February 2023 to assist with covering this post.

Official Food Control Service Plan prepared by the Senior Environmental Health Officer for Food

Signed:		(Helen Henderson)
Date:	01/06/23	
Official Food Control	Service Plan confirmed by the Team Leade	er Environmental Health
Signed:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(Andrew Crawford)
Date:	01/06/23	

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Inspection Type		Insp Freq CoP (Months)	Permitted Time Scale for recovery (months)	Total No. business	Year 21/22	Year 22/23	Year 23/24	Year 24/25
Group 1	Α	18	18	0	0	As per CoP		
	В	12	12	7	7	As per CoP		
	С	6	6	2	2	As per CoP		
	D	3	3	1	1	As per CoP		рР
	E	1	1	0	0	As per CoP		рР
	Unr'd		-	1	1	As per CoP		
Group 2	Α	24	48	0	0	0	As per	CoP
	В	18	24	164	41	123	As per	CoP
	С	12	18	101	60	41	As per	CoP
	D	3	6	21	21	As per CoP		рР
	Е	1	1	0	0	As per CoP		
	Unr'd		-	42	42	As per CoP		
Group 3	A	60 / No proactive visit	60	81	0	0	0	Asses s if Req'd
	В	36	48	116	0	0	58	58
	С	24	36	43	0	22	21	As per CoP
	D	3	6	3	3	As per CoP		
	E	1	1	0	0	As per CoP		
	Unr'd		-	27	27	As per CoP		
Approved Establishments		12	12	1	1	As per CoP		
Prim Produ		24	-	2	0	2 As per CoP		

## Annex 1 – Food Law Recovery Inspection Plan (September 2021 to March 2025)

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# **Annex 2: Resource Calculation Information**

#### Table 1: Interventions

Inspection Type		Estimate time per intervention (Hrs)	Factor for Witness / Officer Support	No Inspections Planned in 2023/24	Total time to implement plan
Group 1	А	13.5	2	1	27
	В	13.5	2	7	189
	С	19.25	2	2	77
	D	21.75	2	0	0
	E	26.75	2	0	0
	Unrated	21.75	2	1	43.5
Group 2	Α	4.75	1	0	0
	В	4.75	1	135	641.25
	С	8.5	1.2	85	867
	D	11.75	1.5	6	105.75
	Е	13.9	2	0	0
	Unrated	11.75	1	3	35.25
	Α	3.5	1	0	0
	В	3.5	1	59	206.5
Crown 3	С	6.25	1	21	131.25
Group 3	D	8	1.2	1	9.6
	E	9.75	2	0	0
	Unrated	8	1	8	64
Approved Establishment		30	2	1	60
Primary Production		5	1	1	5
Total				469	2,462.1
FTE Officers for Insps					2.2

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## Table 2: Other Food Law Work out with Inspection Program

		Time per activity	
Other Intervention Activities	No	(hrs)	Total Time (Hrs)
Food Complaints	20	4	80
Complaints re premises	17	4	68
Food Alerts for Action	1	7.5	7.5
Food Alerts for Information	114	1.2	136.8
Food Poisonings	12	3	36
Food Incidents	1	10	10
Sampling: Micro & Chem Formal Satisfactory	2	5.8	11.6
Sampling: Micro & Chen Formal Unsatisfactory	0	15.25	0
Sampling: Micro & Chem Informal Satisfactory	101	3	303
Sampling: Micro & Chen Informal Unsatisfactory	7	5	35
Implementation of new allergen regs October		20	20
Planning Applications re food premises	21	2.5 (+2hr 50%)	105
Licensing S50	4	5	20
Licensing Variation	4	2.5 (+2hr 50%)	20
Public Entertainment	32	5	160
Late Hours Catering Licence	5	0.25	1.25
Market Operators Licence	1	5	5
Advice to business/public/agencies	45	1 (+2hr 50%)	90
CPD/Training Activity		120	120
Total			1229.15
Officer FTE			1.1

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## Table 3: Food Law Management Activities

Management Activities	No.	Time per activity (Hr)	Total Time (Hrs)
Management of MIS & SND Data		60	60
Internal monitoring		60	60
Complaints against service	1	5	5
Create & manage sampling plan		7.5	7.5
Service Plan, Service Review, Policies,		50	50
Provision of data to FSS Audit Team		12.5	12.5
Attendance at Liaison Groups & Working Groups		30	30
Management of FHIS	1.5Hr/month	18	18
Management of Export Certificates	2 Hrs/month	24	24
Production Export Health Certificates	647	0.25	161.75
FOIs & Cllr/MSP/MP enquiries	11	2.5	27.5
Total			456.25
Officer FTE			0.4

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