

### **Item 07 – Food Safety Plan 2023/24**

The attached report was considered by the Cleaner & Greener Advisory Committee on 22 February 2024. The relevant Minute extract is below.

#### **Cleaner & Greener Advisory Committee (22 February 2024, Minute 45)**

The Portfolio Holder introduced the report, which set out the Council's Food Safety Service Plan, in line with Food Standards Agency requirements. The plan targeted resources towards frontline services and high risk food activities. Its objective was to ensure public confidence that food was prepared and sold in safe and hygienic conditions.

The Food & Safety Team Leader outlined the report. All high risk establishments had received inspections within their deadline, and all non-compliant establishments had received revisits to check compliance. The team had a part time food officer vacancy, and had thus occasionally utilised a contractor to ensure the performance target for inspecting medium-risk premises was met. Service delivery was balanced between education, encouragement, and enforcement. The officer outlined efficiencies that had been made within the team, including the introduction of new technologies, and increasing the skills of administrative support.

In response to questions, the officer explained that all food services within the district were required to register. The council were responsible for inspecting and rating mobile food businesses that traded within the district, even if they were based outside of the district when not trading.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet, that it be recommended to Council to note the contents of the 'SDC Food Safety Plan 2023/24' and support the adoption of this document