

**Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee  
6 March 2024**

**Safety/Commercial and Environmental Regulation**

**Report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer**

**1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To review the performance of the Council's commercial and environmental regulation services, the challenges the services are facing and the impact these services have on the Council's revenue budgets

**2 Action required**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider the information presented in the report and use it to inform questioning and discussion, and to make recommendations as appropriate.

**3 Background information**

- 3.1 The Local Authority is responsible for a wide range of safety regulation, ranging from food hygiene standards to safety at sporting venues. These wide ranging responsibilities are split across a number of teams within the Council and supported by Community Protection Officers.
- 3.2 The Safer Businesses – Food and Health and Safety Service Plan 2021-2025 sets out a number of ambitions for the Council, with the attached document highlighting actions due to have been completed within 2023/24.
- 3.3 Following the Covid Pandemic a recovery plan was put in place for the food standards inspection regime to ensure that minimum standards for inspection were once again in place across the City. This was quickly achieved and work continues to take place with the aim of returning the regime back to "business as usual" by 2023/24.

**4 List of attached information**

- 4.1 Safer Businesses – Food and Health and Safety. Service Plan 2021-2025
- 4.2 Food Safety and Standards Service Plan 2023/24

**5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information**

- 5.1 None

**6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

6.1 Food Safety and Standards Service Plan 2023/24

6.2 Safer Businesses – Food and Health and Safety. Service Plan 2021-2025

**7 Wards affected**

7.1 All

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