

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 15 April 2014 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Councillor D Allen – Cabinet Member

Also in Attendance – Councillors C A Hart, P J Smith and E S Wilcox

38/14 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 2 April 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

39/14 **EMERGENCY PLANNING DIVISION – FEES** The County Council charged an hourly rate to recover costs incurred for work carried out by the Emergency Planning Division. The hourly rate was usually increased each year to take account of inflation, and it was proposed to increase the rate to £71.00 per hour. This would be implemented from 1 May 2014.

RESOLVED that the hourly rate for charges be increased to £71.00 per hour for work carried out by the Emergency Planning Division from 1 May 2014.

40/14 **DERBYSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2014/15** The Community Safety Learning and Development Plan for 2014/15 was presented. In addition to the established Community Safety courses, the plan also contained Champions Training roll out for the ASB Victims First project and dates for the successfully piloted 'Identifying Child Sexual Exploitation' – training for Community Safety partners. Details were provided around both of these courses.

In order to facilitate access to training, details of each course would be widely circulated via email to elected members and community safety partners throughout the year. Information on courses was also available on the Safer Derbyshire website.

RESOLVED to approve the Community Safety Learning and Development Plan for 2014/15.

41/14 **FOOD SAMPLING 2013/14** Details were provided of food sampling activity undertaken by the Trading Standards Division during 2013/14. The amount spent by the Authority on food sampling had been approximately £50,000, and further savings to the food sampling budget had been identified for future years.

Some 367 samples had been taken during the year, of which around one-fifth had been unsatisfactory in some regard, although the results of 69 samples were still awaited. As well as responding to complaints and referrals from other authorities, the Division had taken samples of a range of food products and food sectors. The Division had also taken samples on behalf of the School Meals Services and as part of national market surveillance exercises on behalf of the Food Standards Agency. Full details of the food sample results had been provided. It was reported that some of the unsatisfactory food samples merited further consideration and investigation, and examples of these were given. Details about unsatisfactory sampling reports would be provided when all the results had been processed.

RESOLVED to note the results of food sampling activity conducted by the Trading Standards Division in 2013/14.

42/14 FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY AUDIT REPORT OF ANIMAL FEED ENFORCEMENT The local authority had a duty to enforce the provisions of the Feed Hygiene and Enforcement Regulations, which regulated the production and supply of animal feeding stuffs. Feed businesses had to comply with standards, and the regulation applied throughout the feed chain. The Food Standards Agency had overall responsibility for UK food law enforcement, and carried out a programme of local authority audits to check that controls were in place to ensure appropriate enforcement of the legislation at a local level. Derbyshire had been subject to an audit in September 2013, and the final report had now been received.

The current Food Standards Agency Strategy for 2010-15 had identified the need for greater controls on the animal feed chain. The FSA's strategic priority was to ensure risk-based, targeted checks at inland feed establishments and effective local authority monitoring throughout the feed chain. The Audits would provide an opportunity for the Agency to establish the level of improvement in the delivery of official controls. Concerns about the level of enforcement had been raised previously, and the FSA had provided direct funding to local authorities to improve activity in the area. For the current financial year, Derbyshire had achieved an increased level of inspection and had met the target agreed with the FSA.

The audit report had identified Derbyshire's quality management system and procedures as a strength, but had also identified some areas for improvement. The comments from the report were presented, along with Derbyshire Trading Standards' response to each recommendation, and an improvement plan. Overall, it was felt that the Audit Report was a fair reflection of the steps taken by the service to enforce the provisions of the Official Controls of Feed Businesses. Changes to the code of practice would reduce the number of premises liable to inspection, but it remained a key area

of activity. Subject to clarification by the FSA on a couple of issues, there was confidence that the agreed action plan would be completed.

RESOLVED to note the outcome of an audit conducted by the Food Standards Agency into Derbyshire County Council's arrangements for enforcing animal feeding stuffs regulatory requirements, and to approve the Action Plan.

43/14 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC** **RESOLVED** to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of the remaining items on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of the kind of information detailed in the following summary of proceedings:-

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

1. To confirm the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 2 April 2014

44/14 **EXEMPT MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 2 April 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.