

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Cabinet Member – Health and Communities

18 July 2013

Report of the Strategic Director Cultural and Community Services

FEED HYGIENE CONTROLS

1. Purpose of the report:

To advise the Cabinet Member – Health and Communities of the authority's responsibilities under Feed Hygiene requirements and to approve a programme of market surveillance

2. Information and analysis:

- 2.1 The local authority has a duty to enforce the provisions of the Feed Hygiene and Enforcement Regulations which regulate the production and supply of animal feeding stuffs. The legislation was introduced in 2005 and followed several animal disease outbreaks such as foot and mouth and BSE which had a damaging impact on the UK's farming industry.
- 2.2 Feed businesses have to comply with standards in respect of facilities, storage, personnel and record-keeping. The regulation applies throughout the feed chain, including to food manufacturers selling by-products of food production into the feed chain and all livestock and some arable farmers. Safe food from livestock (milk, cheese, meat etc.) relies on the safety of the feed used and the systems for producing, storing, transporting and feeding the feed.
- 2.3 Other potential risks from contaminate feed include:
 - The transmission through to human food of toxins (e.g. aflatoxin) formed through mould growth in feed due to inadequate storage of home grown and bought in feeds
 - Spread of virus such as salmonella and botulism to animals through contamination of feed from vermin and birds
 - The unsafe use of chemicals such as fertilizers, pesticides and biocides in production and storage of feed which can affect animals, and hence human health e.g. pesticide residues in meat
 - Incorrect use of veterinary products consumed by animals and leads to build up in meat/milk.
 - Incorrect/unsafe storage and disposal of hazardous waste leading to disease and contamination risks

- Failure to keep basic records of feed grown or bought in for traceability purposes may lead to problems in the event of a feed/food safety incident – including inability to trace and withdraw products

2.4 The Food Standards Agency (FSA) is the lead authority for food and feed legislation and is also responsible to the European Commission for ensuring UK compliance. To support local authorities, grant funding has been available to carry out market surveillance and the division is currently leading a regional bid for grant funding to carry out an inspection programme as detailed in the appendix to this report. We have also just received notification that the FSA intend to carry out a 2 day audit of the division to check compliance with the expected inspection and sampling programme.

3. Other considerations:

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered; financial, legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity; and environmental, health, human resources, property and transport considerations.

4. Background papers:

None

5. Key Decision:

No

6. Call-in:

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report?

No

7. Strategic Director's recommendation:

That the Cabinet Member – Health and Communities approves the proposed feed hygiene inspection programme as detailed in the appendix to this report.

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Proposed programme of feed hygiene inspections

Type of premise	Number of premises	Number of visits planned
Approved feed manufacturer	2	1
Other feed manufacturers	19	6
Food manufacturers that supply feed	9	9
Primary producers (farms)	3,500	35