

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND WASTE POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

MEETING, 10TH SEPTEMBER 2014

Present – Councillors Irving (Chairman), Darvesh, Martin, Peel, Sherrington, A. S, Walsh and J. Walsh (as deputy for Councillor Allen).

Officers

Mr. M. Cox	Director of Environmental Services
Ms. J. Hall	Principal Environmental Health Officer
Mr. I. D. Mulholland	Principal Democratic Services Officer

Councillor Irving in the Chair

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Allen and Chadwick.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Housing Policy Development Group held on 30th July, 2014 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

4. FOOD SERVICE PLAN, 2014/15

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which set out details of the Food Service Plan for 2014/15.

By way of background information, the report advised that the Council had a vital role in ensuring standards of food safety within the Borough were maintained. Officers in the Food Team provided the link between HM Government policy, the food industry and the people of Bolton in providing a safe wholesome food supply.

The report explained that since January, 2011 the Council had operated the National Food Hygiene Rating Scheme and published the food hygiene ratings for food businesses in the Borough.

The report went on to set out further details of the various works undertaken in the last year and to outline the programmed inspection plan for 2014/15.

Members in their deliberations referred to the following –

- the possible future inclusion of high risk area ratings, for example for restaurants and takeaways;
- matters around those bodies included in the Food Hygiene Ratings scheme;
- the Food Ratings app on mobile phones;
- ratings changes and the trends; and
- publication of the ratings.

It was agreed that the Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services be asked to endorse the Food Service Plan for 2014/15 and recommend that the full Council approves the Plan as part of the Policy Framework.

(The meeting started at 5.30pm and finished at 6.00pm)