

## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND WASTE POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

MEETING, 25TH JUNE, 2015

Present – Councillors Irving (Chairman), Chadwick, Graham, Hayes, Peel, Richardson, Sherrington and A. S. Walsh.

### Officers

Ms. L. Duckworth	Head of Service, Regulatory Services
Mr. I. D. Mulholland	Principal Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Allen and Jones.

Councillor Irving in the Chair

### 1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2015 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

### 2. FOOD SERVICE PLAN, 2015/16

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which set out details of the Food Service Plan for 2015/16.

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 2015/16.

Members in their deliberations referred to –

- Matters around the management of fish and re-frozen issues;
- Issues concerning when closure notices were issued;
- The display of premises ratings;
- The allergens and publication of those;

- Appeal issues; and
- Street trading licences for ice cream drivers.

It was agreed -

- (i) That the Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services be recommended to endorse the Service's food safety delivery programme and that the council approves the Food Service Plan as part of the policy framework.
- (ii) That members of this Policy Development Group be furnished with details of the various allergins.
- (iii) That Licensing Officers be asked to look into the issue of the compulsory display of photo identification badges in relation to ice cream van drivers and also in relation to the adequate display of food premises standards.

(The meeting started at 5.30pm and finished at 6.07pm)