

Budget Option 2019/20 – 2020/21

Cumulative Net Savings

Reference:	RE 18
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2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000	2020/21 £'000
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Director Responsible for Delivery	Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment
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Cabinet Portfolio Holder	Councillor Hoddinott
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Finance Business Partner	Jon Baggaley
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Proposal Description	Introduction of Pre-Inspection Food Hygiene Inspections
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Details of Proposal (including implications on service delivery)	<p>The Localism Act 2011 enables Council's to charge for services offered which the Council is not statutorily obliged to provide.</p> <p>Whilst the Council has a statutory duty to inspect food business to ensure hygiene and standards compliance, there is no similar obligation to provide advice.</p> <p>Importantly the Council rates each premise and publishes those risk ratings. The ratings range from 0 to 5 with the higher the rating the higher the safety and standards of the business.</p> <p>Many residents, through freedom of information request, ask for copies of inspection reports of food businesses that they frequent, particularly where the food hygiene rating is low. Consequently, food businesses have a financial interest in achieving a high rate.</p> <p>The Council might provide a pre-inspection advice service whereby a pre-inspection visit would be undertaken and advice provided to the business owner as to what would be necessary to achieve a high food hygiene when the premises is next formally inspected.</p> <p>The Council would be allowed to charge for this service provision and it would be anticipated that a income</p>
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	<p>generation can be achieved through the desire of businesses to attract and retain customers.</p> <p>A report is currently scheduled for Cabinet and Commissioners Decision Making Meeting in August to agree the approach.</p>
Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)	It is not anticipated that other services would be adversely affected by this initiative.
Support required from Corporate Services – Finance, HR, Legal, ICT (please specify)	Limited support is anticipated from finance and procurement in relation to the invoicing and budgetary implications of the scheme
Reduction in Staffing Posts (FTEs)	0 FTE
Reduction in Head Count	0

Decision Maker : Either Cabinet or Officer/Management Action	
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