

Y BWRDD GWEITHREDOL

18 IONAWR, 2021

PWNC:

DARPARU GWASANAETHAU BWYD A BWYD ANIFEILIAID 2020-2021

Y Pwrpas:

Cynnig cynllun ar gyfer gwaith rheoli bwyd a bwyd anifeiliaid ymgynghorol/swyddogol yn seiliedig ar ganllawiau'r Asiantaeth Safonau Bwyd hyd at 31 Mawrth 2021.

Yr argymhellion / penderfyniadau allweddol sydd eu hangen:

1. Cymeradwyo'r cynigion ar gyfer rheolaethau ymgynghorol/swyddogol mewn busnesau bwyd a bwyd anifeiliaid hyd at 31 Mawrth 2021.

Y Rhesymau:

O ganlyniad i COVID-19 mae swyddogion o'r adain Diogelwch Bwyd ac Iechyd, a fyddai fel arfer yn gweithredu'r rheolaethau bwyd a bwyd anifeiliaid swyddogol, wedi bod ynghlwm wrth weithredu deddfwriaeth berthnasol COVID dros y chwe mis diwethaf. Maent hefyd wedi cael eu symud/secondio i'r Tîm Atal a Rheoli Heintiau.

Fodd bynnag mae'r tîm Bwyd, Diogelwch ac Iechyd bellach mewn sefyllfa lle gellir adfer a gweithredu rheolaethau ymgynghorol/swyddogol ar gyfer bwyd a bwyd anifeiliaid. Mae'r Asiantaeth Safonau Bwyd wedi darparu canllawiau yn ddiweddar ar gyfer darparu rheolaethau bwyd swyddogol yng nghyd-destun yr ymateb parhaus i'r pandemig COVID-19. Mae'r cynigion canlynol yn dangos sut y bydd Sir Gaerfyrddin yn rhoi'r canllawiau ar waith i gefnogi busnesau bwyd a diogelu defnyddwyr.

Mae diogelwch Bwyd a Bwyd Anifeiliaid yn hollbwysig i drigolion Sir Gaerfyrddin. Mae'r gwaith yn hanfodol i atal gwenwyn bwyd, atal safonau bwyd a bwyd anifeiliaid gwael, atal labelu/diogelwch alergedd gwael, ac atal twyll bwyd.

Wrth edrych i'r dyfodol, bydd y gwaith a wneir gan adain Iechyd yr Amgylchedd hefyd yn ategu ac o gymorth i fusnesau bwyd a bwyd anifeiliaid yn ystod Brexit, ac yn ystod yr heriau a ddaw yn sgil hynny i economi'r Sir.

Angen ymgynghori â'r Pwyllgor Craffu perthnasol - NAC OES

Angen i'r Bwrdd Gweithredol wneud penderfyniad - OES - 18 Ionawr 2021

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
EXECUTIVE BOARD
DATE: 18TH JANUARY, 2021

FOOD AND FEED SERVICE DELIVERY 2020-2021

The Purpose

To propose a plan for food and feed advisory/official control work based on Food Standards Agency (FSA) guidance up to the 31 March 2021.

The Context

The Food, Safety and Health section is responsible for delivering advisory/official controls (inspections) at food and feed businesses within Carmarthenshire. Since March 2020, officers from the team have been active in COVID-19 related response which has had an obvious impact on our ability to carry out food inspections. That said, the offices have achieved the following food/feed responses:

- Advisory calls to new 'higher risk' businesses particularly in regards to milk/meat producers/sales. This includes advisory visits to the kitchens of the field hospitals.
- Granting of approval of a dairy business in order that they can trade
- Completed a PGI (Protected Geographical Indication) audit. This is required to protect and promote regional food products (similar to a trade mark).
- Investigation of feed and food incidents brought to our attention by the Food Standards Agency. Examples include pesticides in sesame ingredient of food from Belgium, possibility of unauthorised additive to feed ingredients brought into the country, issue of composition not meeting required standards of feed being exported.

The FSA has recognised the challenging circumstances that COVID-19 has created and the critical role that Environmental Health teams are playing in the wider public health response required to control the pandemic. The FSA is also conscious of the statutory responsibilities that, together with LAs, have to protect public health through delivery of official food controls.

The Food, Safety and Health team are now in a position where advisory/official controls for food and feed can be reinstated and implemented. The FSA has recently provided guidance for the delivery of official food controls. The following proposals demonstrate how Carmarthenshire will implement the guidance to support food businesses and protect consumers.

Food responsibilities

The FSA has agreed to the temporary deviation from the Food Law Code of Practice and accordingly, guidelines have been produced prioritising official controls (inspections) to March 2021. The guidance also contains advice on how other food hygiene and food standards activities should be prioritised.

The most recent guidance was produced on the 1st October 2020, with a further review in January 2021. Annex 1 outlines the guidance issued by the FSA and a proposal of how the Food, Safety and Health section will deliver this.

Feed responsibilities

The FSA did not seek Ministerial agreement to extend the temporary deviation from the Feed Law Code of Practice beyond 17th July 2020. This being the case, there is an expectation that official controls will be undertaken by Local Authorities. The FSA (Wales), however, has accepted that the committed programme at the beginning of the year will not be achieved as a result of the COVID-19 restrictions.

It has been agreed that authorities will attempt to produce a more manageable target based programme of inspections based on resources. Annex 2 outlines the proposed targets to be delivered by 31st March 2021.

Conclusion

Food and Feed safety is of paramount importance to the citizens of Carmarthenshire. The work is imperative to prevent food poisonings, poor food and feed standards, labelling/allergy safety and food fraud. Looking forward, work carried out by the Environmental Health Section will also underpin and support the food and feed businesses during the introduction of Brexit and challenges that this will bring to the economy for the County.

Recommendation

- 1. The proposals for the official controls for food and feed businesses outlined in Annex 1 and 2 be approved pending current levels of resource.**

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

NO – Attached – Annex 1 & 2

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Jonathan Morgan

Head of Homes and Safer Communities

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	YES	YES	NONE

5. Risk Management Issues

The report to reinstate the inspections for food and feed businesses including Risk Assessments and Safe Working Practices have been approved by Gold.

Failure to re-instate food and feed inspections will result in us not adhering to new FSA guidelines

6. Staffing Implications

The Food, Safety and Health team have now secured additional resources to carry out the food and feed inspections but will still be influenced by any potential escalating demand in COVID cases in the County to year end.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Jonathan Morgan

Head of Homes and Safer Communities

1. Scrutiny Committee - NA

2. Local Member(s) - NA

3. Community / Town Council - NA

4. Relevant Partners - NA

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations - NA

EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIO
HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED:

YES

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THERE ARE NONE