

Appendix 4 - Organisational response – FSA Audit 2023

Ref	Recommendation	Organisational response <small>Please set out here relevant commentary on the planned actions in response to the recommendations</small>	Completion date <small>Please set out by when the planned actions will be complete</small>	Responsible officer (title)
<p>Annex 2 – ref 15.10 (2014 Audit)</p> <p>(2023 revisit)</p> <p>(2023 revist)</p>	<p><i>Open Action</i></p> <p><i>“15.10 (i) Set-up, maintain and implement a documented Enforcement Policy, in accordance with the relevant Codes of Practice and other official guidance, and ensure that the policy is appropriately approved. The Enforcement Policy or an accurate summary should be readily available to the public and food businesses in its area. [The Standard – 15.1]”</i></p> <p><i>2023 FSA Finding: “Policy approved and publicly available and amended to include criteria for some enforcement actions, references to LA operated premises and Primary Authority scheme.</i></p> <p><i>“Recommended Action- Amend the policy to include criteria for use of formal notices”</i></p>	<p>A Public Protection and Environmental Enforcement Policy was approved at full Council November 2022 (item 31), This policy covered all of Public Protection and Env Enforcement including food hygiene and standards regulation and included general criteria for taking a graduated approach to formal enforcement action, including the service of Enforcement Notices, as outlined in paragraph 5.1.2 of the Policy. Specific guidance relating to food regulation enforcement (that meets the relevant requirements of the Food Law Code of Practice in principle) is contained in relevant departmental operational procedures. These were reviewed and deemed to be satisfactory by FSA Auditors.</p> <p>The recommended action by the FSA, specific to food enforcement, will be considered at the next policy review (along with other non-food changes that may be necessary due to, e.g, legislative changes) and this will now be brought forward into the departmental work programme for 2024/25. In the meantime, Officers will review policies adopted in other LAs relating to this matter and consider how to incorporate any further changes relating to food regulations</p>	<p>End October 2024</p>	<p>D Thompson</p>