

## Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	To defer food standards, food hygiene and feed hygiene visits from 20 March until 17 April 2020
<b>Date of decision:</b>	15 May 2020
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Director for Economy and Place
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	This is an emergency decision taken with regard to Part 3 Section 7 para 3.7.9 of the constitution
<b>Ward:</b>	Countywide
<b>Consultation:</b>	Chief Financial Officer, Solicitor to the Council, Assistant Director for Regulatory Environment and Waste, Trading Standards Service Manager, Food Standards Agency
<b>Decision made:</b>	To defer all food standards, food hygiene and feed hygiene visits from 20 March to 17 April 2020 as advised by the letter received from the Food Standards Agency dated 20 March 2020
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>The Food Standards Agency has sent a communication to all authorities after obtaining approval from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Health, Jo Churchill, to permit deviations from the direction given to local authorities in the Food Law Code of Practice (England) and the Feed Law Code of Practice (England) – the Codes.</p> <p>Deferral of planned interventions</p> <p>Until 17 April 2020, all planned feed, food hygiene and food standards interventions should be deferred. This will ensure that footfall in feed/food business establishments is kept to a minimum and will enable local authorities to divert potentially diminished resources to urgent reactive work – see below - and to other wider public health actions required locally during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our direction on this is in line with Section 5.3.6 of the Food Law Code of Practice (England) and Section 5.3.9 of the Feed Law Code of Practice (England). We will notify you if the position changes before 17 April and, at any rate, will update you on what the position will be post 17 April.</p> <p>Local authorities should also defer any requested FHRS re-inspections. When it is feasible to resume planned inspections, it will be important to apply a risk based approach to outstanding inspections prioritising the highest risk establishments.</p>
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	By not doing the inspections there will be a risk that all required visits will not be completed by March 2021 unless there is a reduction in the required numbers.
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	None
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None

Signed:

Date: