

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	To defer food standards, food hygiene and feed hygiene visits from 18 July 2020 to 30 September 2020
Date of decision:	7 July 2020
Decision maker:	Director for Economy and Place
Authority for delegated decision:	This is an emergency decision taken with regard to Part 3 Section 7 para 3.7.9 of the constitution
Ward:	Countywide
Consultation:	Assistant Director for Regulatory Environment and Waste, Trading Standards Service Manager, Food Standards Agency
Decision made:	To defer all food standards, food hygiene and feed hygiene visits from 18 July 2020 until 30 September 2020 as per communication from Food Standards Agency
Reasons for decision:	<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). The permitted deviation in regard to the Feed Law Code of Practice (England) has been agreed with National Trading Standards.</p> <p>The permitted deviations are time bound for a period from 18 July 2020 to 30 September 2020.</p> <p>The permitted deviations to the Codes will help minimize regulatory footfall in business establishments and enable local authorities to divert potentially diminished resources to urgent reactive work and other wider public health actions required locally during the COVID-19 pandemic. They take account of central government advice on COVID-19 and aim to ensure food safety and the protection of public and animal health during the pandemic.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	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.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	None
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed:

Richard Ball
Director for Economy & Place

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