

# Item 6

## REPORT TO THE HEALTHY BOROUGH WITH STRONG COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

26 FEBRUARY 2008

### REPORT OF THE HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

#### INSPECTION OF HIGH RISK FOOD PREMISES - PERFORMANCE UPDATE – FEBRUARY 2008

#### **1 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 At its meeting held on 27 November 2007, the Healthy Borough with Strong Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered Performance Indicators relating to its ambitions for the period 1 April to 30 September 2007. As a result of its deliberations, the committee raised concern and requested that further information be presented to a future meeting of the committee with regard to improving performance of the following indicator:-
- 1.2 CPH04- 'Percentage of high risk food premises inspections that should and were carried out'.
- 1.3 Concern was raised by Members that performance was below the target set for 2007/08.

The purpose of this report therefore is to provide an explanation of the current performance levels.

#### **2 RECOMMENDATION**

That Committee consider the report and acknowledge the progress made towards meeting the inspection target of 100%.

#### **3 DETAIL**

- 3.1 Food Premises are inspected in accordance with their RISK RATING that is re-assessed following each inspection carried out. The number of premises in each Category can therefore fluctuate dependent upon the circumstances and conditions found by the Inspector at the time of the visit.

- 3.2 The rating also establishes the frequency between inspections and ranges from six monthly to every 5 years. Thus the annual inspection programme can change from year to year as a result of the changing numbers of premises in each risk category and the relevant date of the previous inspection.
- 3.3 High Risk premises are those included in groups A to C.
- 3.4 Category A are inspected - 6 monthly, Category B - 12 monthly and Category C - 18 monthly.
- 3.5 The largest group of high risk premises in SBC fall within Category C and this year the largest number within this group were due for inspection within the first 3 quarters of the programme.

Current performance is shown in the table below:

Key	Ref	Description	Performance			Target 2007/08	
			2006/2007	2007/2008 Q1 - Q2 - Q3			
★	CPH04	Percentage of high risk food premises inspections that should and were carried out	98%	82%	85%	98%	100%

- 3.6 Although performance in the first 2 quarters was lower than usual it can be seen that the programme is now back on track (98%) and with fewer numbers of premises to inspect in Quarter 4 it is expected that the 100% Target will be achieved.

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