

Subject: Food and Health Strategy

Status: For Publication

Report to: Cabinet

Date: 17th March 2010

Report of: Director for Business

Portfolio

Holder: Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services

Key Decision: Yes

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval for the Food and Health Strategy 2009-2018

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

2.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:-

- Encouraging healthy and respectful communities
- Keeping our Borough clean, green and safe

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

4.1 On 2nd September 2009, Cabinet considered a report recommending the implementation of a comprehensive consultation exercise for the development of a Food and Health Strategy for Rossendale.

4.2 The Draft Strategy has been discussed by members of the Rossendale Food Forum, a group representing many of the local agencies involved with food. Comments were received and have been incorporated into the strategy as it was being developed.

4.3 The draft Strategy was publicised in Rossendale Alive newspaper delivered to households throughout Rossendale in Autumn 2009 but no responses were received.

- 4.4 The Strategy was circulated amongst managers within Rossendale Borough Council in January 2010 and comments were incorporated into the document.
- 4.5 This draft Strategy has been developed to focus attention on the six priority areas identified in Paragraph 4.2. The six aims contribute to national priorities and to locally identified needs based on locally available evidence.
- 4.6 Implementation of the Strategy will be managed by the Rossendale Food Forum who will report progress and achievement to the Rossendale Health and Wellbeing Theme Group. Initiatives will be developed by the Food Forum members and others both independently and jointly in order to achieve the Vision set out in the Strategy.

COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

5. SECTION 151 OFFICER

- 5.1 Any financial implications will be met from existing budget resources

6. MONITORING OFFICER

- 6.1 There are no legal implications in this report.

7. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND POLICY (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)

- 7.1 There are no human resource implications in this strategy.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The Food and Health Strategy will form a framework for action designed to protect and improve health and wellbeing in the food setting. In addition, it will help to contribute to reductions in the environmental impact of the production, transportation, display and waste of food.

9. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 9.1 That the Food and Health Strategy be adopted and recommended for implementation by the Rossendale Food Forum.
- 9.2 All future minor amendments to the strategy to be delegated to the Environmental Health Manager in consultation with the Portfolio Holder.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

- 10.1 Details of consultation are shown above.

11. COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is a Community Impact Assessment required Yes

Is a Community Impact Assessment attached Yes

12. BIODIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment required No

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment attached No

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No background papers