

Joint Committee

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WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICES Business Plan for Worcester Regulatory Services 2015/18

Recommendation

That members approve the Worcester Regulatory Services Business Plan 2015/18

That members approve the risk based inspection strategy based on the National Food Hygiene Rating System, to plan proactive food hygiene inspections, as described in section 4.3.1 of the plan

Background

Work on a 3 year business plan was commenced alongside the Strategic Partnering process in case the process failed to result in a positive outcome. Management Board and Senior Managers at WRS have reviewed and amended the plan to the point where they now seek Joint Committee approval for this to be the baseline strategic document to be used to take the service forward for the next 3 years.

Report

Following the search for a strategic partner proving unsuccessful WRS must plan how it proposes to deliver services over the coming 3 years.

The proposed plan shows how WRS will:

- Provide a viable service within projected partner cost envelopes
- Provide the option of a base service equivalent to the base line reached by the partners requiring the largest cost reductions.
- Allow partners to “buy back” additional services if required
- Accommodate a trading standard’s service to match the County Council’s £450,000 contribution
- Define what standards of provision are in areas of common delivery
- Provide details of plans to “grow the business” and increase income.

The business plan contains a number of appendices which

provide details of how partner reductions in contribution are going to be achieved, details on risk and detailed scans of the regulatory environment

Financial Implications

The completed Business Plan will provide a template for delivering services within agreed cost envelopes and defined standards should the search for a strategic partner prove unsuccessful

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Background Papers

Framework for WRS business plan 2015/18
Budget Matrix

