



COUNCIL MEETING

21 September 2017

**PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE CHARGES FOR FOOD
HYGIENE RE-RATING VISITS**

Sheena Ramsey, Chief Executive

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to endorse the introduction of a charge for undertaking Food Hygiene Rating Scheme re-rating visits.
2. The Environmental Health Team undertakes inspection of food premises and generate ratings within the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme (FHRS), operated by the Food Standards Agency. Premises are scored between 0 and 5 based on how well they comply with the food hygiene requirements.
3. Businesses are entitled to request a re-rating visit once they have undertaken the necessary works to improve their score. Local authorities are permitted to charge a fee for undertaking these visits.
4. Environmental Health have evaluated the actual cost of undertaking a re-rating visit and this amounts to £160. Payment of the fixed fee will be required prior to the re-rating visit being carried out.
5. The Cabinet has considered the facts and issues arising from the report including alternative options and took all relevant advice before formulating their recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

5. It is recommended that Council approves the implementation of a charge of £160 for undertaking an FHRS re-rating.