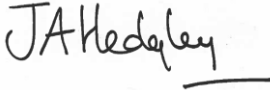


OFFICER DELEGATED DECISIONS FORM

<p>State the Delegated Authority that you are relying on in order to make this decision: e.g. specific (identified in constitution) or general</p>
<p>Officer Delegated Authority: The Head of Paid Service, Executive Directors, Strategic Directors, Assistant Directors, and Heads of Service or other named officer shall have power to carry into effect without reference to the Council, the Executive, or to any of the Council’s committees, matters of day to day management and associated activities</p>
<p>Subject of decision: e.g. freehold disposal of land (16K-149K), contract extension, new policy</p>
<p>To introduce a re-rating inspection within 3 months of an inspection of a food to re-assess their food hygiene standards and to charge a fee of £150 for this re-inspection.</p>
<p>Text of decision: e.g. can include monies received by the Council, list any terms agreed, brief summary of the policy – Do not include any confidential information.</p>
<p>The re-rating inspection would be additional to the statutory delivery of the food law enforcement service. Under the current procedure a food business has to wait between 3 and 6 months to receive a re-rating inspection, in accordance with the national “Brand Standard” Guidance. The proposed scheme would allow a businesses to request a re-rating within 3 months of their inspection and a fee of 3150 would be charged to cover the cost of this re-inspection. Currently 8 requests for re-inspection are received each year.</p>
<p>Reason for decision: e.g. benefits, new legislation requires a policy, review of opening hours, non- key decision, outside of agreed budget framework</p>
<p>There are staffing resource implications associated with carrying out additional re-ratings of food businesses. These visits are non-statutory and it is proposed introduction of the fee of £150 will recover the cost of the re-inspection. The introduction of a fee will also ensure that the expectation of finding good food hygiene standards at the time of inspection are not undermined by the ability to request a re-rating. In businesses where the food hygiene standards have been found to be very poor it will encourage improved standards quickly.</p> <p>The proposed change will bring Middlesbrough’s procedures in line with the Tees Valley Councils who have already introduced charging for early re-rating assessments. The charge being levied by Redcar & Cleveland, Hartlepool, Stockton and Darlington Council’s is £150.</p>
<p>Other options considered (if any)</p>
<p>None</p>
<p>Has an Impact Assessment been completed Yes/No – if yes please attach to the decision.</p>
<p>Yes – No adverse impact identified</p>
<p>Declarations of Interest by any member or relevant local government body</p>

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None
Who have you consulted as part of the decision making process e.g. Head of Service, Executive Member, Community Association, Surveyor?
Director of Public Health Executive Member
Date of decision
25/10/19
Service area
Public Protection
Name of Delegated Officer making decision - i.e. Officer who is designated the power in the Constitution
Director of Public Health
Name of the Officer making the decision – if power has been sub-delegated to another Officer.
Judith Hedgley
List of background papers (do not list if contain exempt/confidential information)
Food Standards Agency publication - The Food Hygiene Rating Scheme: Guidance for local authorities on the Implementation and operation – the Brand Standard.
Signed: 
Dated: 25/10/19