

To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	Subject: Training on the requirements of HACCP following the allocation of funding from the Scottish Office
From: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	
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PROPOSED DECISION

To note the report.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The training described in the report will be funded from the Scottish Office allocation of monies arising from the Pennington Report.

REPORT

Members will recall from the report to the Committee last month that additional funding has been allocated from the Scottish Office to assist the Council implement the Pennington recommendations.

These additional funds had to be used in part for training of staff and also employees of high risk trade premises in the principals of HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point). To date two thirds of the staff have completed a two day training course culminating in an examination by the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene and accredited by the World Health Organisation. The remainder of the staff will undergo the same training in a few weeks time.

The Department has also organised one day training courses for employees of local high risk food premises again with an examination at the close of the course. This course will cover general food safety principals and also the HACCP principals. Each participant who is successful will receive two certificates recognising their achievement in each subject.

To date six courses, each with sixteen places and spread throughout the Council's area are fully subscribed and there is a waiting list for further courses. Additional courses will be arranged in the near future to take account of this exceptional interest which is very pleasing to the Department at this particular time when food safety is seen to be very important.

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