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NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: Eat Safe Food Safety Award Scheme Initiative
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT		
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To update Members of details of food premises within North Lanarkshire who have now received an Eat Safe award.

2. Background

2.1 The Food Standards Agency launched the Eat Safe Award Scheme in 2005. The intention of the scheme is to help raise food safety standards and it is directly linked to the following Agency objectives :-

- Reducing food-borne disease
- The promotion of HACCP (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point)
- Generating transparency of food hygiene standards in food premises
- Improving public confidence/consumer choice

2.2 The scheme is based on an assessment of a food business as to whether the business meet the criteria which the Food Standards Agency have specified for the scheme. This is undertaken during a routine food safety inspection of the premises by an Environmental Health Officer. If the premises are thought to meet the requirements then the officer advises the proprietor that they have the opportunity to apply to be considered for the award. Award applications are then considered for approval by the Council's Food Safety Manager who has to advise the Agency of details of premises who he considers meet the relevant criteria and therefore should receive the award.

3. Report

3.1 The scheme was originally limited to food premises to which members of the public had access and therefore this meant that most local authority premises such as schools were excluded from the scheme. However, this restriction has been recently removed which now means that schools and other local authority premises can also be considered for the Eat Safe award.

3.2 A further change has been made to the award criteria whereby the requirements regarding staff training are now even more onerous. This has been done in order to continue to help drive up food safety standards and to maintain the prestige of the award which can only be given to premises which meet standards which are over and above the minimum set for statutory purposes.

- 3.3 Committee previously approved a recommendation that details of awards should be reported on a periodic basis. A total of 294 awards have now been made throughout Scotland which includes 11 premises in North Lanarkshire. Details are as follows :-

Dovecote Beefeater, 4 South Muirhead Road, Cumbernauld
BP Connect – Harthill North, M8 Motorway, Junction 4/5, Shotts
Navan Taverns (The Mint), 16 Academy Street, Coatbridge
Equilibrium Scotland t/a Pizza Hut Delivery, 18 Gartlea Road, Airdrie
The Wright Place, Duncan McIntosh Road, Cumbernauld
Elaina Nursing Home, 133 Old Manse Road, Wishaw
Shotts Prison Main Kitchen, Newmill and Canthill Road, Shotts
Campsie Gardens, 14 Lennox Road, Cumbernauld
BP Dukes Connect, 94 Carlisle Road, Airdrie
Ashoka Shak Coatbridge, Showcase Leisure Park, Bargeddie
Country Flavours, Gaindykehead Farm, Airdrie

These awards are not easily achieved and staff and proprietors of these premises are entitled to be proud of their achievements.

4. Sustainability Implications

- 4.1 There are no issues relevant to this report which have any sustainability implications.

5. Corporate Considerations

- 5.1 The recommendations are consistent with policy and there are no personnel, financial, legal or property implications in the report.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 That Members note the terms of this report.

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