

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

<p>To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE</p>	<p>Subject: Food Watch Campaign - Report</p>
<p>From: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES</p>	
<p>Date: 29th December, 1997 Ref: RR/EF</p>	

PROPOSED DECISION

To note the report.

FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

The costs of the initiative have been met from the Department's Overtime Budget.

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Members will recall at their meeting on 19th August, 1997, noting the report concerning the initiatives undertaken by the Department's Environmental Health Officers with regard to the inspection of fast food outlets and other food businesses operating in the evenings.

As indicated in the report the Department has continued to monitor the standard of food hygiene in the abovementioned premises by conducting a series of random inspections in the evenings to a number of premises situated throughout the Council's area.

During the months of November and December, including the week leading up to Christmas, inspections as detailed in the Appendix to the report were undertaken. The concerns with regard to unsatisfactory premises relate to poor food hygiene practices in connection with the handling of raw and cooked foods, effectiveness of cleaning regimes and a lack of food hygiene training for food handlers in certain cases. However, it was not found necessary to close any of the premises visited.

The management of those premises where methods did not come up to standard were warned about unsatisfactory practices and re-visits were made to ensure that the instructions given were carried out.

The Department will continue to take a proactive stance with regard to Food Safety and will take enforcement action to ensure that satisfactory standards prevail in all food related matters.

M'Kenzie L. Hutton

EVENING FOOD SAFETY VISITSWEEK ENDING 27/12/97RUNNING TOTAL

No. of Premises Visited	Premises Satisfactory	Premises Unsatisfactory/ Requiring Advice	Premises Requiring Closure
70 Takeaways : 61 Restaurants: 9	39	31	0