

Title of Report:	FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY (FSA) EXCEPTIONAL FUNDING TO DISTRICT COUNCILS FOR EU EXIT PREPARATIONS 2019/2020
Committee Report Submitted To:	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Date of Meeting:	8th October 2019
For Decision or For Information	FOR INFORMATION

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	Accelerating our Economy and Contributing to Prosperity
Outcome	Continued delivery of statutory food safety functions
Lead Officer	Head of Health & Built Environment

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	Grant offer £53,957.13
Included in Current Year Estimates	NO
Capital/Revenue	N/A
Code	21001 4091
Staffing Costs	

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No N/A	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No N/A	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No N/A	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No N/A	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No N/A	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No N/A	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise of additional in year funding to be provided by the Food Standards Agency to assist with EU exit preparations in relation to statutory food safety delivery functions.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Following discussions between EHNI and the FSA regarding potential impacts on food enforcement delivery functions as a result of EU Exit, the FSA made a bid to the Department of Finance on behalf of the 11 district councils within Northern Ireland.
- 2.2 This bid was successful and a letter of offer dated 6th September was received in the sum of £53,957.13 for this current financial year to be paid in two instalments. The funding is ring fenced for food safety delivery functions and relates to any additional work that district councils need to undertake in their planning preparations for the UK leaving the EU.
- 2.3 Food businesses will be impacted in a number of ways, for example, what they need to do to export into the Europe will change, importers will need to use new UK government systems when importing food from the rest of the world and businesses may have to make changes to general labelling and health and ID marks.
- 2.4 The funding has been allocated on the same basis as the general financial support given by the FSA annually.
- 2.5 Acceptance of the offer was time bound with a response requested by 13th September identifying how the money was to be used. This was submitted and accepted with notification of the first instalment received

3.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee notes the above acceptance of the additional funding specific to this function.