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Food Sampling Policy

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It is the policy of Food and Occupational Safety in the Directorate of the Urban Environment Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council to obtain or purchase samples of food manufactured, handled or sold in the Dudley Metropolitan Borough area in order to ensure that they meet the food safety requirements of the Food Safety Act 1990 and other relevant legislation relating to the safety and fitness of food, and to detect and deal with food that fails to meet those requirements. Such samples will be submitted to an accredited laboratory for microbiological examination.

When identifying suitable foods for sampling and submission for microbiological examination, the Authority will have particular consideration to:-

- i. Any food contamination or food poisoning incidents identified locally or nationally.
- ii. Any complaints received from members of the public or other agencies concerning food premises or their food products.
- iii. The type of foods manufactured and distributed from premises in the Dudley area approved for the handling of Products of Animal Origin under the Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013 and Regulation (EC) No 853/2004
- iv. The type of foods produced and handled in premises manufacturing products of animal origin which are exempt from approval under the Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013 and Regulation (EC) No 853/2004.
- v. The type of foods produced by other manufacturers operating in the Dudley Borough area.
- vi. Any nationally, regionally or European-wide co-ordinated food sampling projects.
- vii. Any relevant local products, events or initiatives.
- ix. Any responsibilities identified in respect of imported foods and sampling defined by statute.
- x. Any foods identified as requiring sampling as a result of locally derived intelligence.