



**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

**ENVIRONMENT CABINET MEMBER
MEETING
ADDENDUM**

4.00PM, THURSDAY, 26 MARCH 2009

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

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**EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY
SAFETY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 23 MARCH 2009**

Subject:	Health & Safety Annual Service Plan 2009-10		
Date of Meeting:	26 March 2009		
Report of:	Acting Director of Strategy & Governance		
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Wards Affected:	All		

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**ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SAFETY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

4.00PM 23 MARCH 2009

**COUNCIL CHAMBER
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MINUTES

Present: Councillor Morgan (Chairman); Councillor Janio (Deputy Chairman),
Councillors Davey, Davies, Drake, Kennedy, Older and Smart.

***61. HEALTH & SAFETY ANNUAL SERVICE PLAN 2009-10**

61.1 The Head of Environmental Health and Licensing introduced the report and addressed members' queries and comments.

61.2 Members asked who dealt with the health and safety for manufacturing; they heard that this tended to be dealt with by the Health and Safety Executive, although the demarcation was blurred.

61.3 Members heard about an innovative piece of joint work that was taking place between the local authority, neighbouring authorities and the Health and Safety Executive, taking part in cross-enforcement work.

61.4 Members asked for clarification about which industries were considered 'high risk' locally. They heard that these included catering, with a high proportion of trips and slips; financial industries, with high incidents of work related stress; and workers in the night-time economy, who experienced a greater fear of violence.

61.5 The Chairman commended the report and thanked the Head of Environmental Health and Licensing for his presentations.

61.6 **RESOLVED** – that the recommendations be agreed.

**EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENT &
COMMUNITY SAFETY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON THE
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Subject:	Official Feed and Food Controls Service Plan 2009-10		
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***60. HEALTH & SAFETY ANNUAL SERVICE PLAN 2009-10**

60.1 The Head of Environmental Health and Licensing introduced the report and addressed members' queries and comments.

60.2 The Chairman said he felt that it was a very important report, particularly given the nature of our local service economy; confidence in food safety standards was paramount.

60.3 A member asked about the regulations that covered food production. The Head of Environmental Health and Licensing explained that these were generally covered by a number of other inspectorates; however, Brighton and Hove City Council proactively worked with and advised local partnerships including the Local Food Partnership.

60.4 Members complimented the team on their 92% rating in businesses that were broadly compliant with food hygiene standards, and asked

about the 8% of food businesses that were not complying with the food hygiene standards. The Head of Environmental Health and Licensing explained that there had been a significant increase in food hygiene standards since the introduction of the Scores on the Doors scheme, and the department would focus its efforts on non-compliant businesses, carrying out spot checks, unannounced visits etc. Some of the businesses would close themselves, others might be closed, whilst others might be prosecuted.

- 60.5 **RESOLVED** – that the Committee commend and support the Scores on the Doors work, and that resources should continue to be provided to support the service and the materials that it produces.