

<b>INDIAN TAKEAWAY DUNGIVEN HYGIENE EMERGENCY PROHIBITION NOTICE FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> June 2016</b>
<b>To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE</b>	
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>	

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b>	
<b>Strategic Theme</b>	Resilient, Healthy and Engaged Communities and Protecting and Enhancing Our Environments and Assets
<b>Outcome</b>	Implementation of statutory legislation
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Bryan Edgar
<b>Cost: (If applicable)</b>	Officer Time Spend

## **Background**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016 a Senior Environmental Health Officer carried out a routine food hygiene inspection of an Indian Takeaway on Main Street, Dungiven. During this inspection the officer found the premises to be in a dirty condition with no hot water available for washing hands or equipment. The officer also established that the proprietor has not been operating a food safety management system and had not been carrying out the necessary checks to ensure food is produced safely. In the fridge of the premises the officer found a tub containing mouldy cooked chicken pieces.

The officer also found a tub of cooked kebab meat that was discoloured and rancid. This food was subsequently seized by the officer as unfit for human consumption. The presence of unfit food and the state and condition of the premises led the officer to believe that food could not be produced safely at the premises and these conditions presented an imminent risk to public safety.

That evening the officer served upon the proprietor a Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Notice which required the immediate closure of the premises. The premises closed as required.

On 20<sup>th</sup> May a Justice of the Peace examined the seized food and confirmed it was unfit for human consumption. The food was ordered to be disposed of.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> May Council made an application for a Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Order from Coleraine Magistrates Court. The District Judge examined the evidence and agreed that the premises posed a risk to public safety and should remain closed. The Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Order remains in place and the premises have not reopened.