

## WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

TO: Health and Control Committee - 12 January 2000

SUBJECT: **Head of Environmental Health's General Report**

FROM: Environmental Health

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### 1. **PUBLIC HEALTH (Control of Disease) ACT 1984**

#### Case No. 4/99-2000

Mr AS died at a residential home in Warwick on 5 October 1999. A long term patient at Central Hospital, the deceased had no estate and no known living relatives. The funeral was arranged at Oakley Wood Crematorium by this Council under the provisions of the above Act.

#### Case No. 5/99-2000

Mr CWT died at a nursing home in the area on 23 November 1999. This Council were requested to arrange the funeral under the provisions of the above Act by his only, but very distant, relatives.

The funeral took place at Oakley Wood Crematorium on 7 December 1999.

The deceased's estate should enable the costs to be recovered.

### 2. **WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL v AYLESBURY HOUSE HOTEL LIMITED t/a AYLESBURY HOUSE HOTEL, AYLESBURY ROAD, HOCKLEY HEATH**

At Mid-Warwickshire Magistrates Court on Tuesday 30 November 1999, Aylesbury House Hotel Limited pleaded guilty to 8 charges of contravening Section 8 of the Food Safety Act 1990, Regulations 6 and 4(1), 4(2)(a), 4(2)(d) and 4(3) of the Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) Regulations 1995, and Regulation 44(1)(d) of the Food Labelling Regulations 1996.

On 18 February 1999 a routine food hygiene inspection was carried out by a Food Safety Inspector who found a large quantity of unfit food, in varying stages of decomposition, and several items were found to have expired their use by dates. Due to the volume of food found to fail to meet the food safety requirements, it was necessary to bring this to the attention of the Magistrates, who subsequently condemned the food. In addition, the storing of food was not being carried out in a hygienic way, the food premises were not kept clean, materials for cleaning hands were not provided at wash basins, articles, fittings and equipment with which food came into contact were not kept clean and adequate safety procedures were not being

implemented nor maintained.

On imposing fines the Magistrates gave credit for the Company entering early guilty pleas.

### **Costs**

Fine imposed	£13,500.00
Council's costs	£1,497.08

A breakdown of the fines imposed is as follows:-

6 contraventions under the Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) Regulations 1995 received fines of £1,500 each.

1 contravention of the Food Labelling Regulations 1996 received a fine of £1,000.

1 contravention under Section 8 of the Food Safety Act 1990 received a fine of £3,000.

### 3. **WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL v FORTE (UK) LTD t/a LITTLE CHEF, A46 NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND, WARWICK**

At Mid-Warwickshire Magistrates Court on Monday 6 December 1999, Forte (UK) Limited pleaded guilty to ten charges of contravening Regulations 6 and 4(1), 4(2)(a), 4(2)(b) and 4(2)(d) of the Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) Regulations 1995.

**Northbound Site:** On 3 September 1998 a visit was made by a Food Safety Inspector to the Little Chef in order to investigate a complaint alleging that the restaurant was dirty. Articles, fittings and equipment in contact with food were found to be dirty, the storing of food was not being carried out in a hygienic way, the premises was not clean and the ventilation system was being operated without the grease filters being in place.

The Court heard that in March 1998 the same premises were the subject of a prosecution which resulted in fines of £9,500.

**Southbound Site:** On 31 July 1998 a visit was made to the site in order to carry out a routine food hygiene inspection and to investigate a customer complaint concerning the poor hygiene of two food handlers and the general poor state of cleanliness of the restaurant. The food premises were not clean, food was found stored under unhygienic conditions, food was not being prepared in a hygienic manner, the ventilation system was not functioning properly, the fly screening was damaged and articles, fittings and equipment in contact with food were found to be dirty.

On imposing fines the Stipendiary Magistrate stated that having regard to the evidence and the risk to public health the case had been quite properly brought before the Court.

### **Costs**

Fine imposed	£30,000.00
Council's costs	£4,484.28

A breakdown of the fines imposed is as follows:-

10 contraventions of the Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) Regulations 1995 received fines of £3,000 each.

## 2. HOUSE RENOVATION GRANTS 1998/99

### Housing Renovation Grants - 1999/2000

Report for financial period - 1st April 1999 to 31st December 1999

Type	No. Approved	Amt approved	Amt paid	No. Completed
Home repairs assistance	38	£25,782.00	£24,552.00	33
Empty Property	1	£16,000.00	£25,358.00	1
Discretionary Renovation	16	£127,808.00	£141,442.00	14
Disabled facilities	30	£107,095.00	£120,130.00	27
HIMO	5	£26,907.00	£36,703.00	8
Common Parts	2	£2,641.00	£0.00	0
Totals	92	£306,233.00	£348,185.00	83

Included in the above are grant payments to Council tenants amounting to £14717 with a committed expenditure of £3665 (Grand total £18382) This expenditure is actually met from the Housing Revenue account and therefore is added into the funds as shown below .

	£	£
<b>H.I.P. allocation</b>		<b><u>550000</u></b>
<b>Payments</b>	<b>348185</b>	
<b>Committed expenditure</b>	<b><u>215346</u></b>	<b>563531</b>
		<b>-13531</b>
<b>Payments and commitments to Council Tenants</b>		<b><u>+18382</u></b>
<b>Monies available for grants</b>		<b><u>4851</u></b>

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