

Annex 1

DEFRA Framework Agreement – Local Authority Profile 2007/8

Authority Name: **City of York Council**

Authority Type: **Unitary**

Animal Health & Welfare service provided by **Animal Health Team part of the Trading Standards Service – Animal Health & Dog Warden Service, Trading Standards & Consumer Advice**

Number of staff employed on AH&W as inspectors: **2.3 FTE**

Number of these supported by additional funding from Defra .0.8 FTE

Number of staff employed as office based AMLS2/AMES data inputters (full time equivalent posts): **0**

Number of these supported by additional funding from Defra: 0

Number of staff employed on AH&W (full time equivalent posts) pre FMD: **1 FTE**
(specify if appropriate between inspectors and data inputters)

Breakdown of registered livestock premises within LA area (where known)

Livestock Premises

| Total | Risk | | | | |
|-------|------|--------|-----|---------------------|--------------|
| | High | Medium | Low | No inspectable risk | Not assessed |
| 237 | 2 | 16 | 219 | 0 | 0 |

Markets and collection centres

| | Livestock markets (all types) | Collecting Centres (all types) |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Number | 1 | 1 |
| Operating days per month | 9 | 4 |

Other

| Number of | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Abattoirs (all types) | Knackers/Hunt Kennels | Ports/Airports | Commercial Hauliers (if known) |
| 1 | 1 | | 2 |

Data Capture System used (include details of software supplier): **Flare**

Any additional information:

Outline of Authority:

The City of York has a population of 183,000, and attracts in excess of four million visitors each year, from whom the service receives requests for consumer advice and assistance either directly or via Consumer Direct.

The Authority is also home to over 6,900 businesses. There are 245 agricultural premises of which 240 are farms/smallholdings with livestock. Most of these businesses require advice, assistance or inspection by the service at one time or another, some on a regular basis. These requests are received either by the traders contacting the service or during visits to those traders operating within the City of York Council area.

An internationally renowned historical City, it is also an industrial, commercial and transport centre with major companies in the fields of food manufacturing, construction, engineering and scientific products and growing employment in bioscience and technology.

Around 50% of the population are economically active, however 32% of jobs are part-time with 80% of the jobs in the service sector.

Farming and agriculture, although small in comparison to some of the other business sectors is a significant part of the local economy. The livestock centre being the largest single centre in the area. However, it is true that farming and agriculture has suffered more during recent years due to political and economic pressures. This has implications in terms of additional support required by the farming community, and increased enforcement to maintain the necessary standards of disease control and animal welfare.

The geographic location, the demographic profile (one of the highest totals of pensioner households as a proportion of the population) and make-up of the Authority means that we have a concentrated centre of population and businesses, with some rural communities together with several out of town retail parks.

The challenge for the service is to have a creative approach to service delivery to ensure equal access for all especially in the light of legislative changes including the Animal Welfare Act 2006.