

## **Report to the Executive re LPI EH3 – Percentage of Food Premises Inspections Carried out (High Risk and Non High Risk Premises)**

This indicator carried a red traffic light and a sideways arrow.

The enforcement programme was on track until last autumn but was then adversely affected by a combination of adverse developments:

- One full time environmental health officer left in August 2006. Recruitment started but temporary backfill was not approved as a cost saving measure.
- Recruitment to post was unsuccessful twice. Approval was then given for temporary backfill due to severity of workload build up between August and December.
- Difficulties then ensued in obtaining suitably qualified temporary backfill. 0.4 FTE finally arranged from January 2007.
- Third attempt at recruitment now under way, with possibility of appointment with lower technical qualifications. Successful recruitment is anticipated by June 2007.

In addition to the pressures caused by the above, several major Food and Safety incidents took place during the period. These needed immediate attention and took up extensive officer time.

Priorities in the programme are being pursued: i.e. HSW and food commercial database, for which temporary clerical assistance has been obtained; the HSE and Oxfordshire partnership; pilot project work on manual handling in the licensed trade. The investigation of serious accidents and related enforcement has been maintained as a priority.

The estimated position is that at year end programme will be 70% complete. This will be reviewed at the end of March. Enforcement programme for 2007-08 is due for completion by end of March.