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MR 194

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I'w Ryddhau

Busnes yn Y Trallwng yn cael dirwy o £40,000 am droseddau hylendid bwyd

Mae busnes ym Mhowys wedi cael dirwy o dros £43,000 ar ôl i'r Cyngor Sir ei erlynnu am droseddau hylendid bwyd.

Ymddangosodd First Stop Limited o'r Trallwng yn Llys Ynadon Llandrindod ddydd Mercher, 13 Medi lle'r oedd Tîm Iechyd yr Amgylchedd o Gyngor Sir Powys yn arwain yr erlynniaeth.

Plediodd cynrychiolwyr o'r cwmni'n euog i ddeng trosedd hylendid bwyd a gofynnodd nhw i'r ynadon ystyried tri throsedd arall. Roedd y troseddau'n cynnwys:

Methu rhoi gweithdrefnau yn eu lle i reoli pla

Peidio â diogelu bwyd rhag cael ei halogi, a fyddai'n peri iddo fod yn anaddas i'w fwyta

Methu cadw'r lleoedd bwyd yn lân

Methu darparu cyflenwad dŵr poeth yn y dysglau golchi dwylo

Methu darparu lle i gadw a chael gwared ar ysbwriel yn ddigonol

Methu â chydymffurfio â Hysbysiad Gwella Hylendid Bwyd

Clywodd y llys i swyddog iechyd yr amgylchedd ymweld â'r siop yn Y Trallwng ym mis Tachwedd 2016 ar ôl derbyn cwyn gan aelod o'r cyhoedd wedi iddynt weld llygod mawr yno.

Ymwelodd y swyddog â'r siop yr un diwrnod ac fe gafodd o hyd i arwyddion pla difrifol gan lygod mawr. Darganfu fwyd a pheynnau bwyd a oedd wedi'i gnoi trwy gydol yr adeilad ac ar silffoedd lle'r oedd bwyd ar werth yn cael ei arddangos. Cafwyd o hyd i faw llygod mawr trwy'r siop a gwelodd dyllau yn y waliau a'r lloriau lle'r oedd llygod mawr wedi turio i mewn ac allan o'r adeilad.

Roedd y siop yn arddangos bwyd a oedd wedi cael ei gnoi gan lygod mawr. Canfu'r swyddog bod staff yn gwybod bod llygod mawr yn y siop. Roedd y siop yn cael gwared â bwyd ar werth a oedd wedi'i gnoi bob bore fel mater o drefn. Nid oedd dim wedi cael ei wneud i reoli'r llygod mawr neu ddiogelu bwyd rhag cael ei halogi.

Gwelodd y swyddog fod safonau glendid yn y siop yn annerbyniol. Nodwyd brynti, ysgyrrion, pecynnau wedi'u cnoi, baw llygod mawr ac olion tyrchu a oedd wedi cronni ar y llawr a manau arddangos trwy'r siop. Hefyd roedd tai bach y staff yn fudr ac roedd yn amlwg nad oedd nhw'n cael eu glanhau neu eu diheintio.

Ar ben hyn roedd yr oergelloedd a'r rhewgell yn fudr ac wedi malu. Roedd arwynebau y tu fewn i oergell wrth gefn yn fudr gydag olion colli bwyd heb eu glanhau arnynt. Roedd seliau'r drysau wedi torri, yn ofnadwy o fudr ac yn llwydni i gyd.

Oherwydd y peryg i iechyd gan bla llygod mawr, caeodd y swyddog y siop trwy gyflwyno Hysbysiad Gwahardd Brys Hylendid. Parhaodd y busnes i fod ar gau nes cael gwared â'r pla llygod mawr.

Clywodd yr Ynadon nad oedd y cwmni wedi cydymffurfio â Hysbysiad Gwella Hylendid mewn perthynas ag un o'r oergelloedd.

Yn dilyn yr archwiliad, rhoddwyd y sgôr hylendid bwyd isaf posib o 'Dim'.

Serch hyn, ni arddangosodd y cwmni eu sticer yn gywir: dim ond cefn y sticer oedd yn weladwy i gwsmeriaid wrth iddynt fynd i mewn i'r siop ac nid oedd wyneb y sticer yn dangos y sgôr o 'Dim'. Er iddynt gael eu rhybuddio am beidio â gwneud, nid oedd y busnes yn dangos y sticer yn iawn. Fel canlyniad rhoddodd swyddogion y cyngor rybudd cosb penodol ond serch hyn ni thalodd y cwmni hwn. Rhoddodd yr ynadon ystyriaeth i hyn hefyd.

Mewn ymweliad dilynol â'r siop ym mis Mai 2017, gwelodd y swyddog archwilio nad oedd bwyd risg uchel mewn oergelloedd yn cael ei gadw ar y tymheredd iawn. Cafwyd o hyd i fwyd risg uchel fel cig wedi'i goginio, caws a phasteion yn cael eu cadw rhwng 11°C i 15°C yn lle'r terfyn cyfreithiol o 8°C neu'n is.

Clywodd ynadon fod swyddogion wedi gweld chwe phecon y gig wedi coginio yn cael eu gwerthu a oedd wedi mynd heibio i'r dyddiad 'defnyddio erbyn'.

Rhoddodd Ynadon ddirwy o £40,000 i First Stop (Y Trallwng) am y 13 o droseddau a'i orchymyn i dalu £3,000 mewn costau erlyn a thâl ychwanegol o £170.

Dwyedodd y Cyngorydd Jonathan Wilkinson, Aelod y Cabinet ar faterion Iechyd yr Amgylchedd: "Mae gan fusnesau sy'n gwerthu bwyd i'r cyhoedd ddyletswydd i sicrhau bod eu hadeiladau a'u siopau'n cydymffurfio â rheolau hylendid bwyd ac i beidio peryglu iechyd y cyhoedd.

"Yn yr achos hwn methodd First Stop (Y Trallwng) â chynnal y safonau rydym yn eu disgwyl ganddynt. Fe aeth pethau i'r fan lle'r oedd rhaid i swyddogion weithredu'n syth i atal perygl o niwed neu farwolaeth. Mae cael llygod mawr mewn siop fwyd yn gwbl annerbyniol. Maen nhw'n cario clefydau niweidiol ac yn gallu pasio'r rhain i bobl trwy fwyd.

"Dylai pawb sy'n gwerthu a gwneud bwyd i'r cyhoedd yn y sir wybod y cosbau y gallent eu hwynebu os nad ydynt yn cydymffurfio â rheoliadau hylendid bwyd.

"Mae'r achos hwn hefyd yn amlygu'r ddyletswydd i fusnesau bwyd i arddangos eu Sgôr Hylendid Bwyd yn gywir. Hoffwn atgoffa aelodau'r cyhoedd i wirio Sgoriau Hylendid Bwyd cyn dewis lle i fwyta neu brynu bwyd."

Os oes gennych bryderon am fusnes bwyd yn eich ardal, cysylltwch â'r gwasanaeth iechyd yr amgylchedd ar 01597 827467.

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MR 194

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Immediate Release

Welshpool business fined £40,000 for food hygiene offences

A series of food hygiene offences has cost a Powys business over £43,000 after it was prosecuted by the county council.

First Stop (Welshpool) Limited which is based in Welshpool appeared at Llandrindod Wells Magistrates Court this week (Wednesday, September 13) in a prosecution led by Powys County Council's Environmental Health Team.

Representatives of the company pleaded guilty to 10 food hygiene offences and also asked for a further three offences to be taken into consideration. The offences included:

- Failure to put in place procedures to control pests
- Failure to protect food from contamination likely to render food unfit
- Failure to maintain the food premises in a clean condition
- Failure to provide hot water at wash hand basins
- Failure to make adequate provision for the storage and disposal of refuse
- Failure to comply with a Hygiene Improvement Notice.

The court heard how an environmental health officer from the council visited the premises in Welshpool in November 2016 having received a complaint from a member of the public regarding rat activity in the shop. The complainant said that they had seen rats in the shop area.

The officer who visited the same day found evidence of a severe rat infestation. Gnawed food and food packaging was found throughout the premises including on the shelves where food was displayed for sale. Rat droppings were also found throughout the premises. A number of access points were found where Rats had excavated through the wall and floor structures gaining access to the food premises.

Food products were found on display for sale that had been gnawed by rats. The officer also found that staff at the store had been aware of the presence of rats and had routinely removed gnawed foods from sale every morning. No measures had been put in place to either control the rats or to protect food from contamination.

The standards of cleanliness in the premises were found to be unacceptable. Accumulations of dirt, debris, gnawed packings, materials from burrowing and rat droppings were noted throughout the premises on the floor coverings and on storage and display areas throughout the shop. Also the staff toilet facilities were in a very poor standard of cleanliness. There was no evidence to show that cleaning and disinfection was taking place.

In addition, the refrigerators and freezer were found to be in a dirty and damaged condition. The internal surfaces of a back-up chiller were in a very dirty condition, with evidence of food spillages that had not been cleaned up, and the door seals were damaged and in a filthy and mouldy condition.

Due to the imminent risk to health caused by the infestation of rats, the officer closed the food premises by serving a Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Notice. The business remained closed until the rat infestation was eliminated.

Magistrates also heard that company failed to comply with a Hygiene Improvement Notice served in respect of one of the refrigerators.

As a result of the inspection, the premises was awarded the lowest Food Hygiene Rating of zero.

However the company did not display their rating sticker correctly, in that only the rear of the sticker was visible to customers as they entered the premises, and not the face of the sticker which showed the zero rating. Despite being warned about the incorrect display, the rating was not displayed correctly, consequently a fixed penalty notice was issued however the company did not pay this, as a result,

this offence was also considered by the magistrates.

In a further visit to the premises in May 2017, the inspecting officer found that the display refrigerators containing high-risk food items were not operating at the correct temperature. High-risk foods like cooked meats, cheeses and pies were found being stored at between 11°C and 15°C rather than at or below the legal limit of 8°C.

In addition during this visit, six packs of cooked meat were found being displayed for sale past their use-by date. These offences were also considered by the Magistrates.

Magistrates fined First Stop (Welshpool) limited £40,000 for the 13 offences and ordered them to pay £3,000 prosecution costs and a mandatory surcharge of £170.

Cllr Jonathan Wilkinson, Powys County Council's Cabinet Member for Environmental Health, said: "Food businesses that sell food to the public have a responsibility to ensure that their premises comply with food hygiene regulations and do not put the health of the public at risk.

"In this instance, First Stop (Welshpool) Limited fell far short of the standards expected of them, to a point where officers had to take immediate action to prevent a risk of injury to health. The presence of rats in a food premises is unacceptable, these rodents carry harmful diseases that can be passed to humans through food.

"All food business operators in the county should take note of the penalties they may face when they do not comply with food hygiene regulations.

"This case also highlights the requirement for food business to display their Food Hygiene Ratings correctly. I would like to remind members of the public to check Food Hygiene Ratings before choosing where to eat out or to buy food from."

If you have concerns about a food business in your area, please contact the environmental health service on 01597 827467.

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