

FSA Board Meeting - September 2025: Agenda and Papers

Titanic Hotel, Queen's Road, Titanic Quarter, Belfast, BT3 9DT

The agenda for this meeting includes:

- Annual Local Authority Performance
- Annual FSA Science Update
- Animal Welfare Report 2024/25
- Annual Freedom of Information Requests, External Complaints and Internal Whistleblowing Report
- Report from the Director for FSA in Wales
- Annual Report from the Chair of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC)

09:00 Chair's Introduction and Chair's Report

Professor Susan Jebb presents the minutes and actions from the previous FSA Board meeting in June 2025 and presents the Chair's report.

[FSA 25/09/01- Minutes of 18 June 2025 Board Meeting](#)

[FSA 25/09/02 - Actions Arising](#)

09:20 Chief Executive's Report

Katie Pettifer presents the Chief Executive's report to the FSA Board.

FSA 25/09/03 - Chief Executive's Report. (This paper will be published on Monday 15 September).

10:00 Annual Local Authority Performance (FSA 25/09/04)

Nathan Barnhouse and Karen McCloskey present an update on local authority performance in enforcing food law for the financial year 2024/25, including statistics on the delivery of Animal Feed Official Controls, and rollout information regarding the Food Standards Delivery Model in England and Northern Ireland.

[FSA 25/09/04 - Annual Local Authority Performance](#)

10:30 Annual FSA Science Update (FSA 25/09/05)

Rick Mumford presents the Annual FSA Science Update paper providing a review of progress made, and impact delivered, over the last year and an overview of future strategic science

priorities and the approach for delivering them across the next Spending Review period.

[FSA 25/09/05 - Annual FSA Science Update](#)

11:00 - Break

11:20 Animal Welfare Report 2024/25 (FSA 25/09/06)

Richard Wynn-Davies and Kevin Maher present the Animal Welfare Report 2024/25, covering the FSA's delivery of animal welfare controls in slaughterhouses during 2024/25.

[FSA 25/09/06 - Animal Welfare Report 2024/25](#)

11:50 Annual Freedom of Information Requests, External Complaints and Internal Whistleblowing Report (FSA 25/09/07)

Noel Sykes and Jenny Desira introduce the Annual Freedom of Information Requests, External Complaints and Internal Whistleblowing Report, which presents data and commentary on the FSA's management of requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000; external complaints and internal whistleblowing; and raising a concern cases.

[FSA 25/09/07 - Annual Freedom of Information Requests, External Complaints and Internal Whistleblowing Report](#)

12:10 - Report from the Director for FSA in Wales (FSA 25/09/08)

Sian Bowsley presents the Report from the Director for FSA in Wales, giving a high-level overview of the work of the FSA in Wales over the last year and a forward look at priorities for the coming months.

[FSA 25/09/08 - Report from the Director for FSA in Wales](#)

12:25 Annual Report from the Chair of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC) (FSA 25/09/09) and Report of the September ARAC Meeting (INFO 25/09/01)

Anthony Harbinson presents the Annual Report from the Chair of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC), which sets out the work of ARAC in relation to the Committee's activities in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland (NI) during the year to 31 March 2025.

[FSA 25/09/09 - Annual Report from the Chair of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee \(ARAC\)](#)

Anthony Harbinson will then present a report from the September ARAC meeting.

INFO 25/09/01 - Report of September ARAC meeting. (This paper will be published following the meeting).

12:35 Report from the Chair of the Business Committee (INFO 25/09/02)

The Chair of the Business Committee, Timothy Riley, presents a report from the Business Committee meeting, taking place on 10 September 2025.

INFO 25/09/02 - Report from the Chair of the Business Committee. (This paper will be published following the meeting).

12:45 Reports from the Chairs of the Food Advisory Committees (oral reports)

The Chairs of the Northern Ireland Food Advisory Committee (NIFAC), Anthony Harbinson, and the Wales Food Advisory Committee (WFAC), Rhian Hayward, deliver oral updates from the recent meetings of the two Committees.

12:50 - Any Other Business

12:55 - Questions to the FSA Board

13:05- End of Meeting

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