

FSA Board & Business Committee Meetings - September 2021

FSA Board Meeting - September 2021: Agenda and Papers

Agenda and papers for The FSA Board meeting on 15 September 2021 at etc.venues -133 Houndsditch, Liverpool Street, London EC3A 7BX

The first meeting with Professor Susan Jebb as chair is on Wednesday 15 September 2021.

The agenda includes:

- FSA/FSS Annual Food Standards Report
- Genome Editing
- Animal Welfare Update
- Operational Transformation Programme - Future Delivery Model Public Consultation
- Incidents and Resilience Annual Report

The FSA [Business Committee Meeting](#) follows the FSA Board meeting.

09:00 - Chair's introduction

Professor Susan Jebb presents the minutes and actions from the previous FSA Board meeting in [June 2021](#). Also, Professor Jebb shares the questions received in advance of the Board meeting and the Chair's report.

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09:10 - The Chief Executive's report to the FSA Board

Emily Miles presents the Chief Executive's report to the FSA Board. It features the National Food Strategy review, the recent cat food incident, and the upcoming import controls.

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[View FSA 21-09-03 - Chief Executive's Report to the Board as PDF\(Open in a new window\)](#) (157.1 KB)

09:35 - FSA and FSS Annual Food Standards Report

Rebecca Sudworth and Anjali Juneja present plans for a new annual report on food standards by the Food Standards Agency and [Food Standards Scotland](#) that will assess the state of the nation's plate.

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[View FSA 21-09-04 - FSA and FSS Annual Food Standards Report as PDF\(Open in a new window\)](#) (163.46 KB)

09:55 - Operational Transformation Update (OTP) Public Consultation on the Future Delivery Model

Colin Sullivan and Richard Wynn-Davies provide an update on the Operational Transformation Programme (OTP) paper presented to the [FSA Board on 26 May 2021](#) and following a public consultation. It proposes to modernise the regulatory framework for Official Controls we deliver at the FSA.

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[View FSA 21-09-05 - OTP Public Consultation on the Future Delivery Model as PDF\(Open in a new window\)](#) (689.54 KB)

10:15 - Genome Editing Regulation Consultation

Rebecca Sudworth, Sabrina Roberts, and Michael Wight with an update on our role in any possible future changes to the regulation of [Genome Editing](#) (GE) in England.

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[View FSA 21-09-06 - Genome Editing as PDF\(Open in a new window\)](#) (145.01 KB)

10:30 - Break

10:45 - Welsh Food Advisory Committee (WFAC) report

Peter Price, Julie Pierce, and Nathan Barnhouse provide a joint report from the [WFAC](#) Chair and the Director of the FSA in Wales. It outlines key activities of the Food Standards Agency (FSA) in Wales in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and in ensuring that we have in place suitable arrangements post-EU Exit.

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[View FSA 21-09-07 - WFAC Chair and Director Wales report Final as PDF\(Open in a new window\)](#) (293.79 KB)

11:00 - Northern Ireland Food Advisory Committee (NIFAC) report

Colm McKenna and Maria Jennings outline the work carried out by the Food Standards Agency (FSA) in Northern Ireland (NI) in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and in ensuring that we have in place suitable arrangements post-EU Exit to fulfil the requirements of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland (the Protocol).

It also includes an update on the progress of the FSA's programme of work in NI, highlights from the [Northern Ireland Food Advisory Committee](#) (NIFAC) discussions and key upcoming priorities for the FSA in NI.

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[View FSA 21-09-08 - NI Director and NIFAC Chair Report as PDF\(Open in a new window\)](#) (229.25 KB)

11:15 - Annual Governance Report

Ruth Hussey presents the Annual Governance Report, which includes recommendations to adjustment our Terms of References and Standing Orders.

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[View FSA 21-09-09 - Annual Governance Report as PDF\(Open in a new window\)](#) (279.59 KB)

11:25 - Annual Report from Chair of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC)

Colm McKenna shares a summary of the work undertaken by ARAC during 2020/21 in accordance with the ARAC's Terms of Reference.

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[View FSA 21-09-10 - Annual Report from Chair of ARAC as PDF\(Open in a new window\)](#) (248.05 KB)

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[View INFO 21-09-01 Reports from Meetings of ARAC on 12 August and 6 September 2021 as PDF\(Open in a new window\)](#) (117.62 KB)

11:35 - Reports from the Chairs of the Food Advisory Committees

Oral reports from the Chairs of the Food Advisory Committees by Colm McKenna and Peter Price.

11:40 - Any other business

End of Board Meeting

Important

The FSA's [Business Committee Meeting - September 2021](#) starts at 12:30pm.

FSA Business Committee Meeting - September 2021: Agenda and Papers

Agenda and papers for The FSA Business Committee meeting on 15 September 2021 at etc.venues -133 Houndsditch, Liverpool Street, London EC3A 7BX, which follows the FSA Board meeting.

Following the FSA Board meeting, this Business Committee meeting, also chaired by Professor Susan Jebb, will cover the Performance and Resources report, the Animal Welfare update and the Incidents and Resilience Unit (IRU) annual report.

12:30 - Chair's Introduction

Professor Susan Jebb presents the minutes and actions from the previous FSA Business Committee meeting in [June 2021](#).

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(124.48 KB)

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[View FSA 21-09-12 - Actions Arising Business Committee as PDF\(Open in a new window\)](#) (46.19 KB)

12:35 - Chief Executive's Report to the Business Committee

Emily Miles presents the Chief Executive's report to the Business Committee, which includes updates on the pressures in recruitment and retention of Official Vets (OVs), and how Field Operations have continued to maintain service delivery during the pandemic.

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[View FSA 21-09-13 - Chief Executive's Report to the Business Committee as PDF\(Open in a new window\)](#) (195.48 KB)

12:55 - Performance and Resources report

Pam Beadman and Craig Thomas present the Quarter 1 2021-22 performance and resources update including, Officials Controls Delivery, consumer views, and delivery of corporate priorities.

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[View FSA 21-09-14 - Q1 21-22 Performance and Resources report as PDF\(Open in a new window\)](#) (796.92 KB)

13:10 - Animal Welfare update

Colin Sullivan and Darren Whitby provide an update on FSA activities delivered through the 'Deter, Prevent, Detect, Enforce' animal welfare programme and its objective of making ongoing improvements in slaughterhouses in England and Wales.

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13:25 - Break

13:35 - Incidents and Resilience Unit (IRU) annual report

Colin Sullivan, Philip Randles, and Rajwinder Ubhi outline the work undertaken by the Incidents & Resilience Unit (IRU) and Consumer Protection teams across England, Northern Ireland and Wales to ensure that the UK's capability to detect, respond and prevent food and feed safety incidents is optimal, given the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and the end of the EU Exit transition period.

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[View FSA 21-09-16 - IRU Annual Report as PDF\(Open in a new window\)](#) (1.04 MB)

13:50 - Annual report: Freedom of Information requests, external complaints, and internal whistleblowing cases

Maria Jennings, Julie Pierce, Noel Sykes, and Jenny Desira presents data and commentary on the FSA's management of:

- requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI)
- external complaints
- and internal 'whistleblowing and raising a concern' cases

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[View FSA 21-09-17 - Annual Report on FOI Requests, External Complaints and Whistleblowing as PDF\(Open in a new window\)](#) (266.97 KB)

14:05 - Annual update on antimicrobial resistance (AMR)

Rick Mumford updates on the FSA's science activities concerning antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in the food chain, conducted since the previous paper was presented to the Board in August 2020. It also sets out how these activities are addressing the food safety section within the wider UK AMR National Action Plan (NAP).

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14:10 - Any other business

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