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OPEN MEETING

30 NOVEMBER 2017

MEETING OF THE WELSH FOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY WALES, SOUTHGATE HOUSE, WOOD STREET,
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AGENDA OPEN MEETING

Registration and coffee 09:15 – 09:20

Introduction to the FSA Deputy Chair Laura Sandys 09:20 – 09:25

Introductions and Apologies 09:25 – 09:30

Preparation for Board discussion items

ROF – FSA as a Supporting Regulator
under Primary Authority 09:30 – 10:00
Paper FSAW 17/11/05

ROF – Segmented Changes and the
Assurance of the CRA Concept 10:00 – 10:30
Paper FSAW 17/11/06

Surveillance Report 10:30 – 10:45
Paper FSAW 17/11/08

Social Science Report 10:45 – 11:00
Paper FSAW 17/11/09

NFCU update 11:00 – 11:30
Paper FSAW 17/11/04

Comfort Break 11:30 – 11:40

AMR Reduction 11:40 – 11:55
Paper FSAW 17/11/07

Committee issues

Last Open Meeting and Matters Arising
Paper FSAW 17/11/01 11:55 – 12:05

Report from Chair
Paper FSAW 17/11/02 12:05 – 12:20

Update from Director
Paper FSAW 17/11/03 12:20 – 12:35

Feedback from Committee Networks 12:35 – 12:45

General Question and Answer Session 12:45 – 13:00

Any other business 13:00

Close of open meeting 13:10

Papers to note – available for viewing on www.food.gov.uk

Schedule of Dates for Committee Meetings

Register of Members' Interests

WFAC Biographies

Full versions of the papers are available at:

<https://www.food.gov.uk/about-us/our-board/meetings/2017/010117/board-meeting-agenda-6-december-2017-0>

**FSAW 17/11/02
FOR DISCUSSION
WFAC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2017**

1. Board Chair's Report to the September 2017 Board meeting

1.1 The Board Chair provided an update on recent engagements and Ministerial meetings including a meeting with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, Michael Gove, and the Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, George Eustice, and discussed FSA advice on preparing to Exit the EU, Fipronil in eggs, CCTV in slaughterhouses and the development of the National Food Crime Unit (NFCU). The Chair commented that she had had a productive visit in August to North Wales with the National Farmers Union (NFU), and was impressed by the innovative ways in which they were acting to reduce the use of antibiotics in the food chain to manage their stock.

2. Summary of Main Discussion Items

2.1 At the September 2017 meeting the Board considered the following papers:

- **EU Exit**
The paper set out the proposed approach of the Food Standards Agency (FSA), an independent non-ministerial department, to prepare for the UK's departure from the European Union (EU) in 2019.

- **Animal Welfare Update**
The paper gave an update on activities in England and Wales on the FSA “**Deter, Prevent, Detect, Enforce**” programme to drive improvements in animal welfare standards in slaughterhouses.

2.2 The draft minutes from the September 2017 Board meeting, which provide more context and the Board's conclusions on the above papers, can be found at: <https://www.food.gov.uk/about-us/our-board/meetings>

3. Other Matters

3.1 I attended the Board members retreat in October where topics discussed were FSA responsibilities across the three countries, EU Exit, including impact on governance and the role of the Board. A Regulating Our Future ‘teach in’ was also held ahead of the Board papers in December relating to ‘Primary Authorities and the FSA as a ‘supporting regulator’ under the Enterprise Act (2016)’ and ‘Changes to segmentation and development of assurance’, including the concept the ‘certified regulatory auditor’.

3.2 In October I hosted a development day for members of the Committee at Baraka Foods, a food business operator specialising in the production of food for

catering establishments. The day was highly informative and it was useful for the committee to see a different aspect of the food production industry.

3.3 Heather Hancock has recently written to the Minister of Health and Social Services and their respective counterparts in Northern Ireland regarding a potential review of the Food Advisory Committees.

Dr Ruth Hussey CB, OBE
Chair of Welsh Food Advisory Committee
November 2017

**PAPER FSAW 17/11/03
FOR DISCUSSION
UPDATE FROM DIRECTOR**

1. Summary of Chief Executive's Report to Open Board Meeting 20 September 2017.

1.1 The Board received the written report (FSA 17/09/03) of the Chief Executive (CE) as at <https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/cereportsept2017.pdf>

2. Interim Director for Wales' Report on Matters Pertaining to Wales

External Engagement

2.1 I have been involved in the following engagement opportunities since WFAC last met on 14 September 2017:

- 21 September – meeting with Christianne Glossop, Chief Veterinary Officer
- 26 September – Welsh Government liaison meeting
- 27 September – meeting with Rebecca Evans, Heather Hancock and Ruth Hussey
- 20 October – meeting with DPPW
- 24 October – attendance at Vegetable Summit Wales
- 2 November – attendance at NFU Cymru Annual Conference
- 8 November – meeting with Andrew Slade, Welsh Government
- 9 November – attendance at Hybu Cig Cymru Conference
- 15 November – visit to Dovecote Park abattoir
- 27 November – attendance at Royal Welsh Winter Fair

FSA Appointment

2.3 I am pleased to report that I will be continuing in my role as interim Director for FSA in Wales until February 2019 whilst Nina Purcell continues in her role as Senior Responsible Officer on the Regulating Our Future programme.

Ministerial Appointments

2.4 On 3 November the First Minister announced changes to his Ministerial team. Responsibility for the Food Standards Agency will now sit with the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services, Vaughan Gething.

FSA/Welsh Lamb and Beef Producers Memorandum of Understanding

2.5 The committee will wish to be aware that following demonstration of compliance with the Food Standards Agency's (FSA) criteria for earned recognition, the FSA has signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with [Welsh Lamb and Beef Producers Ltd](#) (WLBP).

2.6 The MOU sets-out the general principles of collaboration, cooperation, roles and responsibilities, which support the earned recognition process involving the FSA and WLBP. In particular, it provides a specific framework for the delivery of earned recognition for compliant businesses that are members of the [Farm Assured Welsh Livestock \(FAWL\) scheme](#) and will commence on 1 April 2018.

2.7 Compliant members of the FAWL scheme will qualify for a reduced frequency of animal feed official control. This change aims to help reduce the burden of official controls on compliant feed businesses and target resources at the areas of highest risk to animal feed and consequently food safety.

Enforcement

2.8 Details of recent successful food standards, food hygiene and food safety related prosecutions in England, Wales and Northern Ireland can be found at: <http://www.food.gov.uk/news-updates/news/2015/14644/food-standards-agency-publishes-food-law-prosecutions-database>

3. Forward Look

3.1 Between now and the next open meeting of the WFAC on 8 March, I have made the following commitments of relevance to the FSA in Wales:

- 5 December – Brexit and the Welsh Economy meeting
- 6 December – Sector Readiness meeting with Welsh Government
- 12 December – Courtauld 2025 Wales Working Group
- 9 January - meeting with Christianne Glossop – Chief Veterinary Officer

Richard Bowen
Interim Director, FSA Wales
November 2017