

Open Meeting Of The Northern Ireland Food Advisory Committee On 14 June at the FSA in NI Offices, Belfast.



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**OPEN MEETING OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND FOOD ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE – FSA IN NI OFFICES,
BELFAST.**

Agenda

1. 10.30am – Welcome and introductions
2. 10.35am – Minutes of the Open meeting of 8 March 2017.
3. 10.40am – Chair's report and Director's Update
4. 10.55am – Chemical Contaminants Principles – Steve Wearne
5. 11.25am – Developing Our Approach to Identifying Risks and Issues Across the Food System – Steve Wearne
6. 11.55am – Food and You a consumer trends survey on food-safety behaviour – Helen Atkinson & Charlotte Owen
7. 12.35pm – **AoB**
8. 12.40pm – **Close**

PAPER FOR DISCUSSION
Minutes Of Open Meeting On 8 March 2017

Executive Summary

Attached are the minutes of the 8 March 2017 NIFAC open meeting.

Members are invited to:

- Agree minutes as a true record of proceedings.

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REF NIFAC MINUTES 1/17
OPEN MEETING OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND FOOD ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (NIFAC) ON 8 MARCH 2017, 1.30PM, AT THE GLENAVON
HOTEL, COOKSTOWN.

Those present:	FSA
<p><u>NIFAC members</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colm McKenna – Chairman. • Aodhan O’Donnell. • Christine Kennedy. • Phelim O’Neill. • Elizabeth Mitchell. • Brian Smyth. <p><u>Apologies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colin Reid. <p>Guest Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damian Connolly – Chief Environmental Health Officer. Belfast City Council. • Fiona McClements – Chief Environmental Health Officer. Mid-Ulster Council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Jennings – Director for Northern Ireland and Organisational Development. • Roberta Ferson – NI Head of Finance Business Support and Communications. • Seth Chanas – NIFAC Secretariat. • Michael Jackson – Regulating Our Future. <p><u>By Teleconference</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nina Purcell – Director for Regulating Our Future. • Bill Stow – Independent Chair of the FSA’s Steering Group on Meat Charging. • Chris Hitchen – Head of Finance – Charging. • Richard Collier – Director of Finance and Performance. • Steve Wearne – Director of Policy. • Paul Tossell – Allergy and Intolerance Team Leader. • Chun-han Chan – Allergy and Novel Foods team.

1. Welcome and introductions

1.1. The Chair welcomed all NIFAC members to the meeting, explaining that there was one apology from NIFAC member Colin Reid. The Chair also welcomed the observers who had attended this Open meeting. It had been agreed, in order to allow speakers for other commitments, the item on Regulating Our

Future would now be taken before the updates from the Chair and Director, contrary to the agenda circulated in the papers.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 16 November 2016.

- 2.1. The Chair asked if there were any comments on the minutes of NIFAC's open meeting on 16 November. An error was pointed out in the heading on page 1 of the minutes. The secretariat undertook to amend the paragraph and arrange for the publication of the minutes.

Action Point – Secretariat to make amendment and arrange for publication of the minutes of the NIFAC meeting on 16 November 2016.

3. Regulating Our Future Programme Update.

- 3.1. The Chair welcomed Michael Jackson to the meeting and Nina Purcell, who was attending the meeting by teleconference. Nina Purcell introduced the paper, due to be discussed at the upcoming meeting of the FSA Board. Fiona McClements of Mid Ulster Council and Damian Connolly of Belfast City Council also gave a presentation on the District Councils' perspective of the programme. The update covered:

- engagement undertaken with consumers, professionals and representatives of the food industry;
- the high level plan for 2017-19; and
- potential risks associated with the programme and proposals for mitigation.

- 3.2. The presentation from Damian Connolly and Fiona McClements then covered:

- drivers for change in the business, technological and cultural environments;
- the need for a modern, fit-for-purpose system;
- factors inhibiting positive change elsewhere;
- the performance profile of Northern Ireland's District Councils;
- concerns; and
- the best models for Northern Ireland;

- 3.3. There then followed a discussion, during which the following points were made:

- This is a good paper and the recommendations are supported by the Committee. It will be important not to lose sight of the regulatory co-dependencies between the UK and other EU member states following

the UK's departure from the EU as this will have an impact both on imports from and exports to the EU.

- The concept of a permit to trade is also supported. However, when implementing a change of this sort, where primary legislation is likely to be required, the legislative process is likely to be protracted and it will be important to begin the process as soon as possible. Sound evidence will be required in order for any such Bill to pass the Regulatory Reform Committee and the gathering of this evidence should be done quickly and started as soon as possible to minimise delays.
- It was reassuring to hear of the willingness to share data found through pilot feasibility studies with various key industry stakeholders the FSA has undertaken. Access to and handling of data will have a bearing on the success of the programme and persuading businesses that sharing information is in their interest could be difficult. It will be important to get this right.
- It was also reassuring to hear about the strength of the relationship with Food Standards Scotland to ensure that consistency is maintained across jurisdictions.
- The inclusion of this programme among the FSA's strategic priorities is welcome as the scale of the task will require substantial resource and making sure that this is available will be key.
- The presentation from Damian Connolly and Fiona McClements was very useful in highlighting some of concerns and ambitions for the programme among the FSA's enforcement colleagues. Concerns included a perception that the FSA is "agnostic" about independent enforcement of regulation and that earned autonomy could amount to a "hands-off" approach. It was encouraging to hear their hopes that the programme could lead to better risk assessment and better targeting of resources while giving greater flexibility and support to innovatively improve compliance and change behaviours.

3.4. The Chair thanked Michael Jackson, Nina Purcell, Damian Connolly and Fiona McClements for helping NIFAC's consideration of this subject.

4. Chair's Report and Director's Update

4.1. The Chair updated members on progress with the ongoing recruitment process for new NIFAC members, explaining that the position was currently being advertised and would remain open for applications until 16 March.

4.2. Maria Jennings updated the Committee on items from the Director's report contained in the meeting papers, including:

- Shigella sonnei Outbreak in NI and ROI.

- Operation Rosetta.
 - OPSON VI – Food Supplements.
 - Feed Stakeholder Meeting.
 - Menucal.
- 4.3. It was explained that good work had been done by the team in the FSA's NI office in dealing with the shigella sonnei outbreak. The incident had been investigated in a cooperative and successful manner and effectively closed down.
- 4.4. The arrest made as a result of Operation Rosetta around the illegal sale of DNP would be going to trial and is intended to commence at the end of April.
- 4.5. Opson VI was an exercise being undertaken around the regulating of food supplements. This is an area that has historically proven difficult to regulate and the main issues observed relate to non-compliant labelling.
- 4.6. NIFAC were informed that serious concerns around the Brexit process had emerged recently during the Feed Stakeholder meeting, particularly regarding trade flows. The minutes of this meeting would be circulated to NIFAC members for their information.

Action Point – Secretariat to circulate the minutes of the Feed Stakeholder Meeting to NIFAC.

- 4.7. The success of the Menucal was also highlighted, emphasising the high user count accrued since its launch in September 2015.

5. Stow Phase 2 – Sustainable Funding Model.

- 5.1. The Chair welcomed Bill Stow, Chris Hitchen and Richard Collier to the meeting by teleconference to introduce this paper, due to be discussed at the upcoming meeting of the FSA Board. The presentation covered:
- initial period assessing discount system;
 - the request to examine a new funding model;
 - difficulties in agreeing overhead costs to industry; and
 - the proposal to suspend.
- 5.2. There then followed a discussion, during which the following points were made:
- The recommendations, given the circumstances, are accepted. It is acknowledged that the EU subsidy will be lost following the UK's exit from the EU and there is a question of whether there could be the potential for a benefit from the UK's exit from the EU in terms of charging.

- Care should be taken that the special measures for small and medium businesses do not come at the expense of larger businesses which will have invested heavily in state of the art equipment to ensure the effectiveness of their processes in complying with regulations. There was also a question raised over whether the FSA was the appropriate organisation to be providing support in these cases.
- The recommendation that the Steering Group should suspend its work on the development of a Sustainable Funding Model for now is supported but greater clarity over the circumstances that would act as a trigger to precipitate a resumption of this work would be welcome.
- There is a question over the ease with which this group, which had made notable progress to date, could be reconvened in the event of a prolonged suspension.

5.3. The Chair thanked Bill Stow, Chris Hitchen and Richard Collier for this update.

6. Food Allergy and Intolerance Programme.

6.1. The Chair welcomed Steve Wearne, Paul Tossell and Chun-Han Chan to the meeting by teleconference to introduce this paper, which is due to be discussed at the upcoming meeting of the FSA Board. The presentation covered:

- The scale of the issue for consumers;
- The programme of scientific research;
- Activities undertaken to raise awareness; and
- Collaborative work.

6.2. There then followed a discussion, during which the following comments were made:

- This was an enjoyable paper with many, very interesting research findings. There is a concern over the abuse of the precautionary allergen labelling (PAL) statements and that ubiquity of 'May Contain' warnings could lead some allergy sufferers to become dismissive of the notice resulting in risky eating behaviour.
- It was reassuring to hear that teenagers, who are referred to frequently in the paper, will be included as work increases to focus on adults. Caution was urged, however, to ensure that the work on children was not unduly overlooked in refocussing on adults.
- It was disappointing not to see Menucal referred to in the paper. This is a significant tool for businesses to ensure that appropriate allergy information can be provided to consumers.

6.3. The Chair thanked Steve Wearne, Paul Tossell and Chun-Han Chan for bringing this item to the Committee.

7. Dietary Health Update.

7.1. The Chair invited Maria Jennings to introduce the above paper due to be discussed at the upcoming meeting of the FSA Board. The presentation covered:

- the time gap since the Board received a previous update on this subject;
- the FSA's strategic aims, Fitter Future for All and the Programme for Government;
- evidence underlining the importance of the work;
- aligning the direction of travel with Public Health England (PHE);
- the extent of PHE's reach with small businesses;
- support from key partners;
- Front of Pack Labelling and takeaways; and
- recommendations to the Board.

7.2. There then followed a discussion, during which the following points were made:

- This paper presents a very good and logical analysis of a complex subject and is welcomed by the Committee. The Committee fully support the approach and look forward to seeing how it will be taken up.

7.3. The Chair thanked Maria Jennings for assisting with the Committee's consideration of this paper.

8. Any Other Business

8.1. No further business was raised and the meeting was closed. The next Open meeting will be held on 14 June.

TABLE OF ACTION POINTS

No	Action	To be actioned by	To be completed by
1.	To make amendment and arrange for publication of the minutes of the NIFAC meeting on 16 November 2016.	Secretariat	24 April 2017
2.	To circulate the minutes of the Feed Stakeholder Meeting to NIFAC.	Secretariat	24 April 2017

ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

No.	<i>Date of meeting</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Target Owner</i>	<i>Target Completion Date</i>	<i>Position</i>
1.	8 March 2017	To make amendment and arrange for publication of the minutes of the NIFAC meeting on 16 November 2016.	Secretariat	24 April 2017	<i>Completed</i>
2.	8 March 2017	To circulate the minutes of the Feed Stakeholder Meeting to NIFAC.	Secretariat	24 April 2017	<i>Completed</i>

PAPER FOR INFORMATION

Update from Director for NI and Organisational Development to NIFAC
14 June 2017.

Executive Summary

Attached is the FSA in NI Director's update to the Committee for June 2017. This report covers the period from 8 March to 7 June.

- No action by members is necessary.

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Food Is Safe

Operation Rosetta

I updated members at the last meeting on progress with the investigation into the sale of 2, 4 – Dinitrophenol (DNP) (which is unfit for human consumption) in Co. Down last year. The case, which was being progressed by Ards and North Down Borough Council with assistance from FSA in NI, has now progressed through the courts. The defendant did plead guilty at the Crown Court and received a 14 month suspended jail sentence and the council was awarded costs of £8,500. This was an important test case for the UK, being the first such case to be heard in the courts, and is a good outcome for future cases in the pipeline. I would like to thank the council for their hard work in this case.

Operation Wild Deer

The PSNI have been very active in promoting Operation Wild Deer. This operation is targeted at the illegal poaching of wild deer. The PSNI has engaged with the FSA in NI via the food fraud liaison officer, who has assisted in the coordination of two search operations within Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area and Mid Ulster District Council area.

The first search was carried out in April 2017 at a private dwelling in County Fermanagh. Environmental Health Officers (EHOs) from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council who attended found a deer carcass in fur hung alongside quarters of beef in a chill store. The animal carcasses were seized and following a subsequent condemnation hearing were destroyed. Officers are continuing their investigations.

The second search was carried out in May 2017 at a private dwelling in Cookstown. EHOs from Mid Ulster attended the property with PSNI officers. The EHOs discovered 5 deer carcasses in fur in a chest freezer that had no accompanying hunter's declarations. The deer was voluntarily surrendered for destruction and officers at Mid Ulster District Council are continuing their investigations.

Food Industry Liaison group

Engagement with the food industry continues through the FSA Industry Liaison Group which meets routinely twice annually. The group met on 5 June 2017; presentations on 'Regulating our Future', 'Food Reformulation' and the FSA's 'Efficacy of Recalls' project were delivered to industry stakeholders. The meeting included a discussion and question and answer session on each topic.

Study visit from Bosnia & Herzegovina on the development of a crisis management plan for food and feed

Bosnian and Herzegovinian officials conducted a study visit to the UK from 15 to 19 May 2017, focussing on the development of a crisis management plan for food and feed. The aim of the visit was to gain practical experience from an EU Member State regarding the setting up and implementation of a crisis management plan for food and feed, and related operating procedures. FSA and FSS colleagues showcased the organisations' crisis management frameworks and procedures concerning food incidents, as well as the frameworks employed for managing routine food incidents. Ruth Watson from the FSA in NI Consumer Protection team presented the FSA's policies, processes and procedures on food alerts to the delegation. These food alerts are a key mechanism used by the FSA to communicate to consumers where food is being recalled because it is unsafe, including specific alerts focussing on risks posed by undeclared allergens in foods. The study visit was a follow up event to an expert mission from FSA colleagues to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

BSE negligible risk working group

Following the ratification by the World Organisation for Animal Health to award BSE negligible risk status to NI on a regionalised basis, a working group has been set up to assess the impact on the food industry in general, and the meat and rendering sectors in particular. The group is chaired by Campbell Tweedie, the Chair of the Northern Ireland Meat Exporters Association (NIMEA), and consists of representatives from NIMEA, DAERA TSE Policy, the rendering sector, the Northern Ireland Environment Agency, Ulster Farmers' Union, Food Standards Scotland, the Republic of Ireland's Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine and FSA in NI. The Operational Policy & Delivery team is an integral part of that group, the main role being to ensure that public health is not compromised as a result of the change of status and that BSE controls remain robust.

Food Is What it Says it Is

Identification and traceability of cattle

The FSA in NI's Operational Policy & Delivery team worked with DAERA Veterinary Public Health and Trade Programme (VPHTP) to issue a joint letter to food business operators reinforcing the importance of traceability and the important role that animal identification plays in ensuring food is what it says it is.

Gathering And Using Science, Evidence And Information

Food Product Improvement (FPI) - Sugar guidance published

The FSA has welcomed new guidelines published by Public Health England (PHE) which set out the approaches the food industry should take to reduce the net amount of sugar children consume through everyday food. The guidance sets out the recommended sugar limits for nine food groups, as well as guidance on how the reductions could be achieved by the food industry (reducing in sugar per 100g product, reduction in portion size or switch in product portfolio towards lower sugar varieties). The food groups included in the first phase of sugar reduction are:

- Breakfast cereals
- Yoghurts
- Biscuits
- Cakes and morning goods
- Puddings
- Chocolate confectionery
- Sweet confectionery
- Ice cream
- Sweet spreads

Upcoming Sugar Reduction Industry Event 27 June

The rescheduled FSA sugar reduction industry event will be held on 27th June in Mossley Mill, Newtownabbey. There is an exceptional line up of experts in the field of sugar reduction and reformulation with case studies and industry experts presenting the latest evidence and joining a panel for a Q&A session. Networking breaks have been included in the agenda and we have a range of exhibitors displaying products and services on the day. We would be delighted if NIFAC can join us and registration can be completed by emailing Executive Support Unit.

Institute of Food Science and Technology (IFST) Young Scientist Competition

The Northern Ireland branch of the Institute of Food Science and Technology (IFST) invited the FSA to be part of the judging panel for their prestigious Young Scientist Competition. This year's competition was hosted by Ulster University. Students from Queen's University Belfast (QUB), Ulster University (UU) & the College of Agriculture, Food & Rural Enterprise (CAFRE) presented the findings from their undergraduate research projects to the panel of judges, made up of representatives from Dale Farm, the Agri-Food Biosciences Institute (AFBI) and FSA in NI. The winner and runner up received a prize fund of £1000 and £500 respectively, donated by the Northern Ireland Food & Drink Association (NIFDA); half of the fund is made available immediately with the other half being made available after completion of a year in industry. All finalists received a £50 prize and one year's free membership of the IFST.

This year's winner was Nor Haji Mohd Manan (QUB) for her research project titled, 'Assessing anti-diabetic potential of medicinal plants' and the runner-up was Susanne Taggart (CAFRE) for her research project titled, 'An investigation into the substitution of sucrose with allulose in sponge cakes'.

Legislation Trawl

A Northern Ireland Civil Service (NICS) EU Legislative Workstream has recently been set up and is currently trawling all EU-influenced law that affects Northern Ireland. The deadline is 16 August 2017. As a result a project team within FSA in NI has been set up to analyse and identify inoperabilities in domestic food legislation which fall under the FSA's remit. This will be combined with the Department of Health return for Northern Ireland.

Aligning Incentives

Food Hygiene Rating Scheme

Since the introduction of the statutory Food Hygiene Rating Scheme (FHRS) on 7 October 2016 the vast majority of food businesses within scope have received their statutory rating. The remaining businesses will receive their statutory rating by 6 October 2017 (12 month transition period). All district councils (DCs) in NI have taken part in two separate weeks of action visiting food establishments not displaying valid food hygiene rating. In the first week (November 2016) an educational approach was taken with information and assistance provided and warning notices issued for non-display of a valid food hygiene rating. The second week (February 2017) focused on enforcement. This resulted in several fixed penalty notices (£200 or £150 if paid with 14 days) being served on food businesses for non-display of a valid food hygiene rating.

The FSA in NI have launched a public consultation on The Food Hygiene Rating (Online Display) Regulations which will require those businesses that provide food by means of an online ordering facility to display a valid rating on such a platform. This consultation will end on 14 July 2017 and covers the key principles of the requirement as well as the prototypes for the online display icon. A link to the consultation is provided below:-

<https://www.food.gov.uk/news-updates/consultations/2017/fhrs-online-2017>

For the first time since the introduction of the FHRs, in 2010, 99% of rated businesses in NI achieved a rating of 3 or better (Wales= 95% and England=94%). This increase in standards can largely be attributed to the increased work the FSA and DCs have conducted in preparing businesses for the introduction of the statutory Food Hygiene Rating Scheme. Recent research commissioned by the FSA regarding public attitudes toward food hygiene, have reported that:-

- 62% of people in NI now check the FHRs rating before going out, this is an increase from 44% the previous year.
- 92% of people have seen the FHRs sticker in the last 12 months.
- 98% agree that display of food hygiene rating should be mandatory.

Audit of District Council Organisation and Management Systems for the Delivery of Official Controls in Northern Ireland

FSA in NI is commencing a new programme of audits on the eleven new district DCs in NI. All councils have been included in the programme which will run over the next three years. The specific aims of this audit programme are:

- evaluate the organisational and management systems each of the 11 DCs have implemented to ensure they are effective and suitable to achieve the objectives of the relevant food law.
- assist in the identification and dissemination of good practice to aid consistency.
- provide a means to identify under performance in council food law enforcement systems.
- provide information to aid the formulation of Agency policy.

The pilot audit for the programme took place at Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council in March. Two recommendations were made around risk rating an establishment and enforcement. Overall the council had made significant efforts to ensure the integration of the two legacy councils happened as quickly and smoothly as possible, including updating comprehensive procedures, authorisations, merging of databases, competency and training of officers and location and management of the food service team.

FSA Internal Audit - Raw drinking milk (RDM) sold directly for human consumption

As part of an FSA Internal Audit taking place in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, DAERA Milk Inspectorate was audited on 31 May. The audit included detailed discussions with the Head of Milk Inspectorate and milk inspectorate officers. The audit also included observing sampling visits to three registered RDM establishments.

DAERA Milk Inspectorate had, in conjunction with FSA in NI Operational Policy and Delivery team produced comprehensive guidance around the Supply of Raw Cows' Drinking Milk: A guide to the law in Northern Ireland. No major non-compliances were found, a number of minor observations were made. The auditors noted a number of activities and good practices being carried out in NI that are not taking place in England and Wales.

Retail meeting

The FSA in NI's Standards and Dietary Health team held the first retail meeting on 31 March 2017. The team outlined key priorities moving forward and discussed opportunities for collaborative working moving forward. The event was a key success for food product improvement including calories on menus and the retailers requested biannual meetings with the SDH team and wider Belfast office. The next meeting with retailers is planned for October 2017.

Steering Groups on Food Product Improvement

The first steering group for FPI was held on 23rd May 2017. The steering group governs the FPI programme including calories on menus. DoH, DCs, manufacturing (Irwin's), retail (Musgrave) and out of home (Compass) sectors were all represented on the steering group. A working group of knowledge providers has also been established to lead on and coordinate the technical expertise required for FPI.

Nutritional Standards for Staff and Visitors in Health and Social Care

The FSA has been working in partnership with safefood and the Public Health Agency to jointly produce minimum Nutritional Standards for Staff and Visitors in Health and Social Care. The standards will cover food and drink served in all catering and retail outlets across trust sites including vending. Recruitment for a procurement dietitian to implement the standards is underway and a steering group has been established to monitor implementation. The three agencies will launch the standards.

Smarter Communications Project

FSA NI's Smarter Communications Project was launched following local government reform and the formation of a new group system in NI, to enable

effective and efficient communication between the DC officers and the FSA NI. Phases 1 and 2 of this project are now live;

- Phase 1 – The implementation of the new group system in NI, presented a gap in communication with not all DCs represented in each of the groups. The first phase of this project provided an IT solution to eliminate this gap in the form of each group set up as a community on the Regulatory Information And Management System (RIAMS) platform. Each community has a closed element where group members can communicate with one another, whilst there is also an open element allowing all DC food officers access to contribute to discussions, comment on minutes and agendas etc.
- Phase 2 - Evidence from DCs demonstrated that the original method of FSA communication with them by e-mail was burdensome due to the volume of communications, which were not targeted towards officers working in specific areas. This has been addressed by Phase 2 of the project. This new communication system, which sends FSA communications out to DC officers via the RIAMS platform, enables all officers to subscribe to categories of information relevant to their role, subsequently providing a more targeted, less burdensome communication method.

DG Sante F mission to the UK on antimicrobial resistance

The FSA in NI's Operational Policy & Delivery team was instrumental in accommodating an EU mission to evaluate the UK controls in place to monitor and report antimicrobial resistance. The Veterinary Medicines Directorate is the competent authority in this work area however FSA in NI have some responsibility in the collection of isolates for AMR testing. The NI leg of the visit included opening and closing meetings as well as a site visit to an approved slaughterhouse. Overall, the auditors concluded that although the competent authorities have developed a well-coordinated and properly documented framework for AMR monitoring, some deficiencies were noted. The draft report involved 4 recommendations none of which require direct input from FSA in NI. An action plan has been agreed by the competent authorities.

BSE Chinese study visit

During May Operational Policy & delivery team played a central role in hosting the NI leg of a successful study visit from Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) looking specifically at UK BSE controls. AQSIQ is the Chinese competent authority responsible for imported food safety. This involved FSA in NI presentations at the opening meeting and accompaniment on a site visit to an approved slaughterhouse. This will hopefully pave the way for a full approval visit by Chinese authorities later in 2017.

VPHTP stakeholder meeting

The FSA in NI's Operational Policy & delivery team attended the stakeholder meeting arranged by VPHTP for the meat industry. The FSA contribution included updates on charging discounts, TSE/SRM issues, the treatment of stomachs and the transport of meat above temperature.

M Jennings

Director for NI and Organisational Development.

PAPER FOR DISCUSSION
Chemical Contaminants Principles

Executive Summary

Steve Wearne, the FSA's Director of Policy, will present by video link from the FSA's office at Aviation House in London to introduce this item on a paper due to be discussed at the upcoming meeting of the FSA Board.

The full paper can be seen on the FSA Website through the link below:

<https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/fsa170604.pdf>

Members are invited to:

- Consider the presentation.
- Comment and give advice.

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PAPER FOR DISCUSSION

Developing Our Approach to Identifying Risks and Issues Across the Food System

Executive Summary

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PAPER FOR DISCUSSION

Food and You a consumer trends survey on food-safety behaviour

Executive Summary

Charlotte Owens and Helen Atkinson of the FSA Analytics Unit's Social Science Team will deliver an update on the findings of the Food and You consumer trends survey, the FSA's principal source of evidence on consumers' self-reported food-related activities and attitudes.

A summary report of the NI findings can be found on the FSA website through the link below:

<https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/foodandyouwave4niexecutivesummary.pdf>

The full NI report can be seen here:

<https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/food-and-you-northern-ireland-report.pdf>

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