

**WFAC 20/11/03
FOR DISCUSSION**

**WELSH FOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WFAC) DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON ISSUES
RAISED AT LAST BOARD MEETING**

Executive Summary

1. The attached report from the Director of the FSA in Wales reports on issues of relevance which may be of interest to members of the Welsh Food Advisory Committee (WFAC).
2. The Director for FSA in Wales will supplement the information provided in this report with an oral update where necessary.
3. Members of the Committee are invited to:
 - **note** the update;
 - **invite** the Director to expand on any issues for further discussion.

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1. EU Transition Period

- 1.1 The FSA in Wales has placed a bid to Welsh Government for additional resources from 20/21 onwards. This is largely in support of EU work, previously undertaken by the Commission or the European Food Safety Authority, which will now fall within the FSA's portfolio. The Welsh Government's SR20 is delayed and unlikely to be announced before December.
- 1.2 The FSA in Wales will be continuing to prioritise EU transition, incident management and COVID-19 related work.

2. Welsh Food Law Code of Practice

- 2.1 Local Authorities in Wales have reported that they are unable to respond to the proposed consultation on the Welsh Food Law Code of Practice as their resource pressures have become critical dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. We are working on the basis that a 12 week consultation will start in January 2021. Discussions are underway on how we might best engage with relevant stakeholders during the consultation process.

3. Educational Engagement

The FSA in Wales' school-based food safety workshop programme comprising live theatre in education performances and workshops (delivering messages on the 4Cs) was placed on hold in March 2020 in view of the COVID-19. We have recently approved a proposal which will enable the continuation of the programme. The proposal currently being developed and piloted will provide the same live interactive format but the delivery method would be via zoom. If the trial proves successful, the primary school workshop programme would resume in January 2021.

<https://www.food.gov.uk/safety-hygiene/food-hygiene-resources-for-school-children-in-wales>

4. Safe Sustainable Authentic Food Wales (SSAFW)

- 4.1 There has not been a meeting of SSAFW since my last report to the Committee. The next meeting is due to take place on 14 December. The COVID-19 sub group of SSAFW continues to meet every three weeks and the next is scheduled for the 25 November. The focus of discussions at the subgroup continues to be recovery planning and winter resilience.

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