

SCOTLAND'S FOOD AND DRINK POLICY

Executive Summary

1. Scottish Government announced a new food and drink policy for Scotland on 26th June. The policy outlines key actions to:
 - *Support the growth of the food and drink industry*
 - *Build on Scotland's reputation as a 'land of food and drink'*
 - *Ensure we make healthy and sustainable choices*
 - *Make the public sector an exemplar for sustainable food procurement*
 - *Ensure our food supplies are secure and resilient to change;*
 - *Make food both available and affordable to all;*
 - *Ensure that people understand more about the food they eat.*

2. The Agency is identified as a key partner in a number of areas, including proposals to put in place a 'health and sustainability framework' with which Scottish Government can assess the impact of policy on diet and sustainability; and to work with the Agency to revise guidance on country of origin labelling. The Committee will wish to consider ways in which it can contribute as implementation progresses.

3. David Thomson (Deputy Director, Food and Drink Industry Division, Scottish Government) will present the policy and next steps to the Committee.

4. The Committee is therefore invited to:
 - Note the publication of Scotland's food and drink policy, and Presentation.

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