

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE SCOTTISH FOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Executive Summary

1. The attached report provides an update on issues emanating from the Scottish Food Advisory Committee.
2. The Board is invited to **note** the report by the Chair of the Scottish Food Advisory Committee. **No action** is required.

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1. The Scottish Food Advisory Committee met on 21 July at the Town House in Inverness.
2. The main agenda items for discussion at the open meeting on 21 July were
 - A presentation from Pat Stewart, Deputy Chief Executive, FSA, which provided the Committee with an overview of the FSA Strategic Plan 2005 – 2010.
 - A presentation from Michael Gibson, Chair of SFAC, highlighting ways in which SFAC could contribute to achieving targets contained within the FSA Strategic Plan 2005 – 2010.
 - An update on Eat Safe and Cook Safe which was presented to the Committee in an information paper prepared by Peter Midgley, Head of Local Authority Food Law Enforcement Branch, FSAS
 - FSA's response to the SFAC Shellfish Working Group Final report.
3. Agenda items for future meetings of the Committee are given below (all items are provisional).

DATE	EVENT	POTENTIAL TOPICS
8 September 2005	Open session (Aberdeen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Science Strategy Consultation Response• FSA Advisory Committees• OTM• Signposting
6 October 2005	Open session (Crieff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EU Legislation (H123)• Update on Food Standards Agency Scotland Working Group on Transparency of Food Safety Enforcement and Compliance

4. Meetings with others:

- Michael Gibson, Chair of SFAC and Graeme Millar, Deputy Chair attended the COSLA Awards Annual Dinner which was held on the 15 June at the Leisuredrome, Bishopbriggs.
- Michael Gibson and Graeme Millar attended the Royal Highland Show, which ran from Thursday 23 to Sunday 26 June, which was held in Edinburgh. This event is Scotland's largest agricultural show with a strong emphasis on food and drink.
- Michael Gibson and Graeme Millar attended the OTM meeting, which was held on the 26 July at The Scotsman Hotel, Edinburgh.
- Michael Gibson attended a meeting with the new Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care, Lewis MacDonald MSP, at St Magnus House, Aberdeen on the 11 August.