

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE WELSH FOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Executive Summary

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

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Advisory Committee Meetings

3. There were no meetings of the Welsh Food Advisory Committee held in July or August.

Forward Look

4. Please note that items listed are provisional, and are therefore subject to change.

DATE	VENUE	AGENDA ITEMS
20/21 September 2005	WFAC Closed meeting Followed by Open themed Session, Abergavenny, East Wales	Closed session: Agenda under discussion Open session : Theme: Regulatory matters
22/23 November 2005	WFAC Closed meeting Followed by Open themed Session, Cardiff, South Wales	Closed session: Agenda under discussion Open session : Theme: The Food Supply Chain
2006		
17/18 January	Closed business meeting Open themed meeting, West Wales	Covering issues for Board on 8/9 February. Theme relevant to major Board policy discussion later in year (eg prior approval).
21/22 February	Closed business meeting and briefing session, Cardiff	Covering issues for 8-9 March Board.
28/29 March	Open business meeting, North Wales	Covering issues for Board on 5/6 April.
30 May	Awayday (Closed), Cardiff	Review feedback on previous meetings; WFAC performance etc.
6/7 July	Closed business meeting. Open evening meeting themed, Brecon/Mid Wales	Covering issues for 12/13 July Board. Linked to community engagement including practical activity (eg linked to Get Cooking).

13/14 September	Closed briefing meeting Open business meeting, Cardiff	Covering issues for September Board
25-26 October	25/10 Closed business meeting 26/10 FSA Wales stakeholder meeting, Cardiff	Covering issues for Oct/Nov Board. WFAC to participate
November (Date TBC)	Joint S/W/NI Advisory Committees meeting, London	Agenda to be agreed
5/6 December	5/12 Closed briefing session 6/12 Open business meeting, Cardiff	Covering issues for Dec/Jan Board

Other Activities

- Two new members were appointed in July to serve on the Committee. Ms Kate Hovers, a consultant Veterinary Surgeon and Mr Andrew Johnson, a consultant for the food industry will attend their first WFAC meeting in Abergavenny in September.

The FSA Wales mobile education resource has attended a number agricultural and cultural events (notably the Royal Welsh Show and the National Eisteddfod), and smaller food festivals around Wales over the summer months. These provide opportunities to raise the profile of the Agency and to promote key healthy eating and food safety messages.

For the first time FSA Wales participated in a collaboration with HTV, the British Heart Foundation and Health Challenge Wales in a campaign that ran throughout the Royal Welsh Show to emphasise the importance of healthy eating and physical activity, and to highlight links between diet, exercise and health. A number of Committee members attended official engagements at this year's Royal Welsh show which provided valuable opportunities to build relationships with stakeholders and communicate key FSA messages.

An open meeting, to discuss progress with implementing the managed transition from the OTM rule to a BSE testing regime, was held in Cardiff on 29 July. This was attended by approximately 40 delegates (including 2 Advisory Committee Members) reflecting a diverse range of interests.