

**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

1. The Welsh Food Advisory Committee held a closed meeting on 9 June in Cardiff. A short business meeting was held in the morning session, within which, the committee discussed a paper on Eating for Health. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a Committee away day planning session where the Committee took the opportunity to reflect on the style and format of meetings held to date and options for the future. Discussions were held on the Agency's openness agenda and the Committee re-examined a number of constitutional issues.

### Forward Look

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

| DATE                     | VENUE  | AGENDA ITEMS   |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| 6/7 July<br>2006         | Closed business meeting<br><br>Open meeting, Brecon/Mid<br>Wales | Covering issues for 12/13 July Board.  |
| 5/6<br>September<br>2006 | Closed briefing meeting<br><br>Open Business meeting,<br>Cardiff | To include:<br><br>Consumer engagement<br>Food safety management update                        |
| 24/25<br>October<br>2006 | Closed business meeting<br>Cardiff                               | Covering issues for future Board meetings.<br>To include<br>Food safety (strategic Plan theme) |
| 5/6<br>December<br>2006  | Closed business meeting<br><br>Open themed meeting,<br>Cardiff   |  |

### Other Activities

3. Mr Gardner chaired one of two "Food and Well Being" Nutrition Network for Wales conferences held (23 May Wrexham and 15 June Cardiff) to review action which are being taken to improve the health and diet of people in Wales. Both conferences were well attended by professionals from a range of backgrounds including health, education, catering, community and voluntary sectors across Wales. They provided a good opportunity to learn about nutritional projects that are happening within Wales within a framework of national policies and strategies

and demonstrated that substantial efforts are being targeted at a coherent programme of action on diet and nutrition in Wales.

4. Mr Gardner was a member of a panel which was established to identify candidates to fill 3 vacancies on the Welsh Food Advisory Committee which will arise from 1 July 2006. Ten candidates were selected for interview and interviews were held in Cardiff on 25/26 April and 3 May. It is anticipated that the National Assembly for Wales will make an announcement on the three successful candidates shortly.