

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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### **SFAC Meetings**

1. SFAC held their annual Retreat on 21/22 November at the Hilton House Hotel & Country Club in Dunkeld. Issues such as public perception, agenda setting, meeting formats and communication with stakeholders were discussed to establish the best way forward for the Committee.
2. The Open meeting was held on Wednesday 22 November at the Hilton House & Country Club in Dunkeld. Members discussed the following:

### ***EU Food Hygiene Legislation on Farm in Scotland FSAS Consultation and Primary Production in Scotland***

3. Lydia Wilkie, Assistant Director, FSA Scotland gave a brief presentation covering the background and Scotland's position on Primary Production. Members held a detailed discussion and agreed to formulate a response to the consultation which will be formally submitted to FSAS at a later date. Committee members also agreed to form a sub group for this subject. This group will meet with senior FSAS officials in the near future.

### ***Scottish Food Enforcement Liaison Committee (SFELC)***

4. Jim Dixon, Honorary Secretary, SFELC gave a presentation covering the re organisation of this Committee. After a detailed discussion it was agreed that FSAS would suggest at the next meeting of SFELC that a member of SFAC should be elected to sit on this Committee. A decision on this should be reached after 1 December.

### ***Food Hygiene Information Scheme (FHIS)***

5. Pauline Wilkinson, HACCP Project Manager and Kerry Edwards, FHIS co coordinator, both from FSAS gave a presentation covering the background and launch of the FHIS. It was agreed that this subject would return to the SFAC agenda in summer 2007 once the evaluation of the scheme had begun.

### **Meetings with Others**

6. SFAC Chair, Graeme Millar, other SFAC members and FSAS officials attended FSA's road show 'Recipe for Success' on 14 November at Livingston Football Club stadium. Celebrity Chef, Phil Vickery and Livingston FC player, Paul Shields were on hand to both demonstrate cooking skills and deliver food safety messages. Over 250 people attended this event.

7. Prospering With Safe Food was the theme of New Zealand food Safety Authority (NZFSA) fourth annual conference, held Wednesday and Thursday, 1-2 November 2006. The venue was the Heritage Hotel, Auckland. Topics covered included progress on the Domestic Food Review and more general issues around export standards, imported food and market access. Bill Reilly, Deputy Chair SFAC, was a key speaker at this event.

**Future SFAC / FSAS Meetings**

Date	Location	Potential Topics
12 December	Edinburgh	Major Stakeholder Meeting
24 January	Aberdeen	Folic Acid
28 February	Glasgow	Diet & Nutrition (Possible)