

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE WELSH FOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Executive Summary

1. The attached report provides an update on the work of 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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1. The Welsh Food Advisory Committee held a closed meeting on 7 March in Llandudno, North Wales. At this meeting the Committee received a presentation on the recommendations from the Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition to fortify foods with folate.
2. The Committee received feedback from members who had attended the City Food lecture. Members who did attend were of the view that the forum provided an excellent opportunity to bring together all those with an interest in the production and quality of food – as producers, retailers, consumers and campaigners and for engaging in a lively and challenging debate. Additionally, the Chairman provided a report on his recent meeting with the Welsh Consumer Council.
3. During the closed session, the Committee took the opportunity to review its activities during 2006. It also reviewed the role of the Committee and progress made on the action points from the June 2006 Awayday. The objective of the review was to agree on how the Committee felt it was working and what would be the key challenges for WFAC in 2007 coming from the reworked Strategic plan, the Welsh elections and to discuss the challenges that might arise from the Government of Wales Act.
4. The open meeting which followed, the next day, was held in the North Wales conference centre in Llandudno. In anticipation of forthcoming Board discussions, the Committee considered three main issues (a progress report on the Prior Approval action plan: an update on the review of the FSA Audit Procedures; and an update on the work of the Food Force Task Force).
5. Part of the open meeting was devoted to a themed session where the Committee discussed issues related to 'Nutrition in Pregnancy'. This provided the Committee with the opportunity to discuss the merits of fortifying foods with folate. Following the presentation, the Committee considered a formal response to the Agency's consultation on the matter.

Forward Look

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

Date	Venue	Agenda Items
9/10 May 2007	Closed meeting, Cardiff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparation for forthcoming Board discussions at May and June meetings.
29 June or 6 July 2007 (tbc)	Closed meeting, Cardiff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparation for forthcoming Board discussions in July meeting.

Other Activities

7. The Chair of the Welsh Food Advisory Committee has contributed to the arrangements to appoint a new Board member for Wales.