

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 report is for **information** only. **No action** is required.

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1. The Welsh Food Advisory Committee held a closed meeting on 9 May in Cardiff. The meeting was chaired by the acting Chairman of the Welsh Food Advisory Committee (WFAC). The newly appointed Chairman of WFAC will attend his first meeting of the Committee in July.
2. At the closed meeting, the Committee received a briefing session from the Acting Head of Public Health Protection Division in the National Assembly for Wales on the changing political environment within the Welsh Assembly Government. The presentation informed the Committee on the details of the Government of Wales Act 2006 which has major implications for the future governance of Wales and for the way in which the Welsh Assembly will be working. Members noted that the Act changes, in a number of significant respects, the original devolution settlement for Wales laid down in the Government of Wales Act 1998. The briefing informed on the new arrangements (to apply after the May 2007 Assembly elections) provided for in the Government of Wales Act 2006 in creating a formal legal separation between:
 - the National Assembly for Wales, which will be the legislature comprising 60 Assembly Members, and
 - the Welsh Assembly Government, the executive, to comprise the First Minister, Welsh Ministers, Deputy Welsh Ministers and the Counsel General.
3. The Committee noted that the segregation between legislature and executive should clarify the respective roles with the executive having the power to make decisions and develop and implement policy with Assembly Members being able to scrutinise the Assembly Government's decisions.
4. Additionally, the Committee received a briefing from headquarters on the Review of the Meat Hygiene Controls. During the closed session, the Committee took the opportunity to discuss its forward work plan for 2007 and 2008.
5. The next meeting of the Committee, a closed session, will be held on 6 July 2007.

Forward Look

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

Date	Venue	Agenda Items
6 July 2007	Closed meeting, Cardiff	Preparation for forthcoming Board discussions in July meeting
6 Sept 2007	Open and closed meeting, Cardiff	TBC