

MHS BOARD FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Summary

1. This paper identifies potential strategic issues for discussion by the MHS Board at future meetings.
2. Board members are recommended to:
 - Agree that the issues identified in paragraph 3 of the paper should be discussed by the MHS Board at its meetings during 2009

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1. Agreement to future strategic issues to be discussed by the MHS Board at future meetings.

Background

2. The Chair circulated to Board members on 31 July a list of potential strategic issues for future discussion. Responses were received from two members.

Discussion

3. An updated list of potential future items and proposed meetings is shown below:

Issue	Meeting
Progress on implementing new charging system for official controls [includes response to consultation and resourcing review process]	Each meeting
Delivery of FSA/MHS communications on changes to the delivery of official controls	1 October 2008
Long term MHS frontline resourcing	27 November 2008
Industrial relations with Unison and staff morale	27 November 2008
Development of FSA proposals on EC regulatory reform and UK pilots and national measures [includes evidence gathering, and industry staff training programmes and competencies]	5 February 2009
Internal communications	5 February 2009
Relationship between DARD NI and FSA/MHS [includes ensuring consistency of outcomes – public health, costs to FSA and FBO, efficiency and effectiveness]	22 May 2009
Forward look at effective and practical targeting of the proposed “residual subsidy” to industry of £10m	23 September 2009
Use of differential official controls charges to support and encourage industry compliance [includes “earned autonomy”]	23 September 2009

4. The above strategic issues will be additional to the routine business papers brought to each meeting by the executive for the routine oversight of ongoing MHS business. This approach will not preclude the discussion of unexpected strategic issues at short notice.

Recommendation

5. Board members are recommended to:
 - Agree that the issues identified in paragraph 3 above should be discussed by the MHS Board at its meetings during 2009.