



Stow Phase 2 - Sustainable Funding Model: Steering Group Ground Rules

1. It is recognised that Steering Group members will need to keep their own members in touch with developments in the Group. In doing so, they will not reveal individual positions taken by other Group members and will respect any request from the Chair to keep a particular paper or discussion confidential.
2. Group members will be transparent and open about their positions and inform the Group of any change as soon as possible. As a corollary, Group members will respect the positions of others and accept that all are acting in good faith.
3. The Group is tasked with defining a more sustainable funding model for meat inspection. It is not the forum for pursuing specific issues of current concern except where these relate directly to the broader strategic issues which are the concern of the Group.
4. Wherever possible, the Group will reach decisions by consensus. The Group will not vote. If a Group member feels unable to join a consensus they should declare that so that their position can be brought to the attention of the FSA Board. In the event of irreconcilable differences it will be the Chair's responsibility to decide whether and how to report to the FSA Board. Group members will use their best endeavours to persuade their Boards/members to accept proposals which they have agreed to in the Group.