

Food Standards Scotland (FSS) Outcomes Report

1 Purpose of the paper

1.1 The outcomes report is intended to give information to the Board on the progress or trends of indicator data under each of FSS's six strategic outcomes. These indicators are intended to be updated on a six-monthly basis and run over the course of the 3-year corporate plan. Indicator data from 2015 to 2016, the FSS's first year of operation has been used (where possible), as a baseline. The Outcomes Report until 30 September 2018 is attached at Annex A.

1.2 The Board is asked to:

- **Discuss** the trends in the indicator data under each of the six FSS corporate outcomes; and

2 Strategic Aims

2.1 This work supports an FSS overview of the progress or trends of indicator data under each of the six FSS corporate outcomes.

3 Background

3.1 The report has been modified after comments made on the last report at the Board meeting on 16th May 2018.

3.2 Board members discussed the significance and value of the measure 'number of senior management meetings with ministers', leading to the removal of the measure. The trend arrows were discussed in that this could cause confusion over trends. In noting that using arrows might be difficult to identify the positive or negative trends in the outcomes, it was suggested a Red-Amber-Green score could be used to further explain whether figures were moving in the right or wrong direction. The measures and format will be reviewed further over the course of the reporting year.

3.3 The Scottish Government (SG) National Performance Framework Team provided guidance to FSS on what makes a good indicator. In particular they advised that the indicators used should be important to the people of Scotland, be practical, minimise undue burden to collect and are straightforward to interpret trends.

3.4 The report is not intended to duplicate more comprehensive analysis and progress reports on individual projects, strategies or performance reports that will already be scheduled for presentation to the Board.

4 Discussion

4.1 The Board is asked to discuss the outcome report and trends in the indicator data attached in Annex A. A narrative is provided within the report to explain the direction of travel for the data and the source of the data for the indicators used.

5 Identification of risks and issues

5.1. The Board should note that the Scottish Government (SG) National Performance Framework has been revised and the report has been adjusted to align with the SG revisions.

6 Conclusion/Recommendations

6.1 The outcome report is intended to give information to the Board on the progress or trends of a selection of indicator data under each of the six FSS corporate outcomes. These indicators are intended to be updated on a six-monthly basis and run over the course of the 3-year corporate plan.

6.2 The Board is asked to:

- **Discuss** the trends in the indicator data under each of the six FSS corporate outcomes; and
- **Provide any comments** on the visual presentation of the outcomes report.

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ANNEX A – SIX MONTHLY OUTCOMES REPORT – 30 SEPTEMBER 2018