

**MINUTES OF THE INTERSESSIONAL FOOD STANDARDS SCOTLAND (FSS)  
BOARD MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019 FROM 13:30 PM TO 14:10 PM  
AT PILGRIM HOUSE, ABERDEEN**

**Present:**

**FSS Board**

Ross Finnie, Chair  
Louise Welsh, Deputy Chair  
George Brechin  
Heather Kelman  
Anne Maree Wallace

**FSS Executive**

Geoff Ogle, Chief Executive  
Ian McWatt, Chief Operating Officer and Interim  
Deputy Chief Executive  
Garry Mournian, Interim Director of Policy, Science  
Finance and Human Resources  
Norval Strachan, Chief Scientific Advisor  
Karen McCallum-Smith, Head of Private Office  
Hazel Stead, Board Secretary

**1. Welcome, Apologies**

1.1. Ross Finnie, Chair welcomed everyone to the intersessional board meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Marieke Dwarshuis, Carrie Ruxton, Susan Walker.

**2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

2.1 The Chair asked for declarations of conflict of interest, none were declared.

**3. European Union Exit : UK Framework for Nutrition Legislation - Progress Update on Proposals**

3.1. The Chair explained the reason that the board meeting was held in closed Session was due to Board discussions which constitute private official advice to Ministers which ordinarily are non-discloseable and cannot be held in open public session.

3.2 The Chair invited Garry Mournian, Interim Director of Policy, Science, Finance and Human Resources to introduce the paper. In the introduction, Garry explained the paper provides an update on proposals for a UK-wide approach to policy development after the UK leaves the European Union in nutrition legislation; nutrition related labelling; composition and standards.

3.3. The Chair welcomed Sam McKeown, Senior Policy Advisor to introduce the paper. Sam drew attention to the three key proposals which had been agreed in principle across the four administrations. The next steps would be to seek Ministerial approval in December 2019; then to seek agreement by the Joint Ministerial Committee (JMC) with the framework agreement expected to be implemented across the UK in 2020.

3.4 In discussion, Board members noted, the iterative process; the final draft of the framework will be submitted to Ministers for agreement and sought further clarification from the executive on the mechanism for dispute prevention and resolution.

### 3.5. The Board :

- **Noted** the progress made with the development of a UK-wide common framework for Nutrition
- **Agreed** the scope of the framework; that it is a non-legislative framework implemented through a Concordat with Department of Health and Social Care, Scottish Government, Welsh Government, and Department of Health in Northern Ireland and the risk assessment and management arrangements; and advice to be recommended to Scottish Ministers