

Report

# Working Group on Wider Impacts (2024)

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## Summary

This project explored what the FSA would need to consider if it included wider impacts (environmental, nutritional etc) outside of food safety risk assessments when making a risk management decision (for example in approving regulated products). The project provides the FSA with an understanding of what would be required in future to factor these wider impacts into risk management decisions in a meaningful, consistent and transparent way.

The Science Council Wider Impacts Project was established 16 November 2023 with the Terms of Reference being agreed by the Council February 2024.

The final report of this review was submitted by the Science Council Chair, Professor John O'Brien, to the FSA 12 September 2024.

[Letter to Robin May - FSA Chief Scientific Adviser](#)

The report was published on the Science Council website 25 November 2024.

[FSA Science Council Report of Working Group on Wider Impacts Beyond Food Safety Risk Assessment](#)

The FSA Chief Scientific Adviser Professor Robin May responded to the Science Council Chair 15 October 2024.

[Chief Scientific Adviser Response to the Science Council report on 'Wider Impacts Beyond Food Safety Risk Assessment'.](#)

The FSA responded to the recommendations in the report 25 November 2024.

[The FSA response to the recommendations in the report.](#)

# Terms of reference

[Terms of Reference Version 3.0 \(23 February 2024\)](#)

## Members

All [Council members](#) contributed to the project.

## Meetings

Project progress was discussed at closed meetings of the Science Council.

## Status

Completed.

## Associated documents

None.

## Authors

This report was prepared and reviewed by the members of the Science Council, with special thanks to the external experts that contributed to this review.

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