



Food Standards Agency Science Council
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Completion of the Science Council's Rapid Evidence Review on the Critical Appraisal of Third-Party Evidence Paper by Ben Goodall

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1. Summary

1.2 The Science Council have produced a complete draft of its framework for the critical appraisal of third-party evidence.

1.3 The Science Council are asked to:

- **Agree** handover of the third-party evidence report to the FSA, subject to any amends raised during the open meeting;
- **Discuss** the FSA's proposed communications strategy to share this resource with both external and internal stakeholders.

2. Discussion

2.1 The Science Council's [Rapid Evidence Review on the Critical Appraisal of Third-Party Evidence](#) was initiated in September 2020.

2.2 The Science Council has now completed the last of the four associated Work Packages, with a response to feedback received during the public consultation on its draft framework now published on the Science Council website.

2.3 The Science Council's report was modified in response to feedback received during the public consultation (see Annex 1). The draft principles and guidelines that will go on food.gov.uk are also attached (see Annex 2).

2.4 Subject to any final comments received during the Science Council's 9th Open meeting, the Science Council are asked to agree handover of the final report on the critical appraisal of third-party evidence, to the FSA. This will complete the Science Council's Rapid Evidence Review.

- 2.5 With the completion of the Science Council's first Rapid Evidence Review, members may wish to consider any overall reflections on the performance of this mode of working.

- 2.6 The Secretariat will also provide a verbal update on the FSA's initial communications plan for sharing this guidance with others. We welcome the Science Council's reflections on this.

Annex 1: Final Report for the Science Council Critical Review of Third-Party Data Quality

[Please see separate draft document]

Annex 2: Draft Principles and Guidelines

[Please see separate draft document]