



FSA Board Meeting 5th December 2018

FSA 18-12-09;

FINAL REPORT FROM THE SCIENCE COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON SCIENCE CAPABILITY AND ASSURANCE AND FSA RESPONSE

The Board asked to:

- Consider the Working Group's report;
- Comment on and agree the proposed FSA response to the recommendations, including the proposed framework for science assurance.

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The Board asked to:

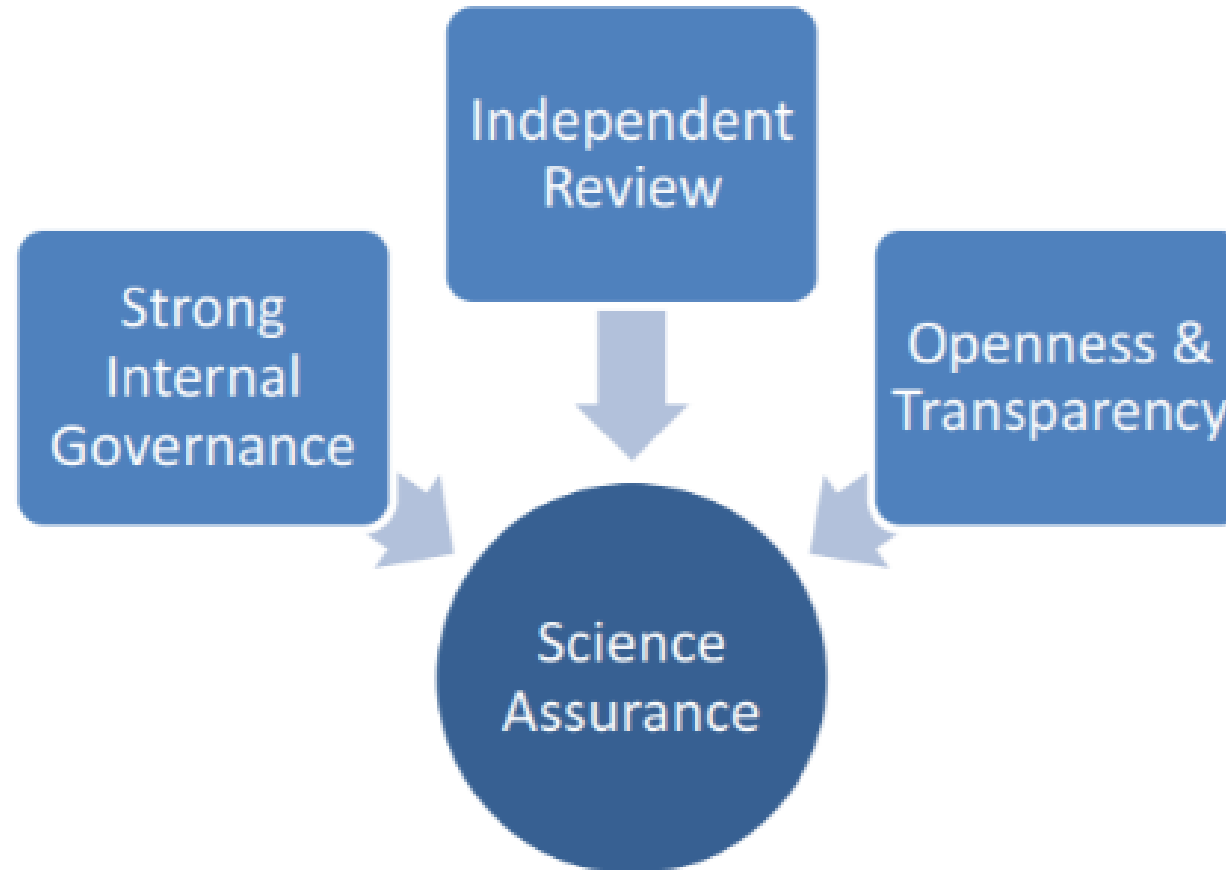
- Consider the Working Group's report
- Agree that the best practice principles are consistent with and provide a basis for the FSA's risk analysis framework
- Agree the proposed FSA response to the recommendations.

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WG1; ‘To advise the Board on how it can be confident that FSA has access to the right science capability and is using science to the best of its ability.’

- 42 recommendations across the 5 themes the Science Council identified as key to FSA’s effective capability and use of science.
- FSA response to recommendations is set out in full in 18-12-09 Annex 2.
- The FSA should welcome the report and accept the Working Group (WG) recommendations [subject to two minor points of detail that reflect changes in FSA’s governance and organisation since the WG made its report]

Science Assurance Framework



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WG2; ‘What does the Council advise to be best practice in establishing and communicating risk and uncertainty?’

- 15 principles on best practice on establishing and communicating risk and uncertainty which cover the overall process and governance of risk analysis and of its component parts (risk assessment, risk management and risk communication);
- 17 high-level recommendations, for putting these principles into practice and on opportunities for continuous improvement.

Considered to have the benefit of:

- Amplifying the globally recognised frameworks (notably the Codex Principles) which the FSA is already following;
- Being tailored specifically to the FSA;
- Having been developed with input from a wide range of FSA staff working on risk analysis and with input from the FSA’s Scientific Advisory Committees; [ACSS*](#)