



Science Council
Chair's Report

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ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE SCIENCE COUNCIL CHAIR, PROFESSOR SANDY THOMAS, TO THE FSA BOARD

The report set out:

- What the Science Council is;
- What it's remit is;
- The rules that have been agreed on its ways of working;
- The positive follow up to WG1 and 2 recommendations.
- An update on current work (WG3 & 4); and
- Risks, opportunities and future direction for the Science Council

The current state of the Science Council

- Good progress made in establishing ourselves as a trusted independent advisory body.
- Constructive relationships with the FSA board, officials and between Council Members.
- 2nd Annual Chair's Report to the FSA Board well received.
- However, I think the Council would benefit from building stronger external relationships.

Future relationships with other FSA Science Advisory Committees

- There is an opportunity to widen the scope of our expertise in providing strategic advice on science by building our connections to the SACs.
- Good time to look for more opportunities to work closely with other SACs on areas of mutual interest.

Engaging with equivalent independent science advisory bodies in HMG

It also feels the right time to connect with similar communities of established independent advisory bodies to learn from them:

- How do they provide strategic advice?
- How do they get the best impacts?
- Can we learn from their experience in delivering success and negotiating obstacles?