



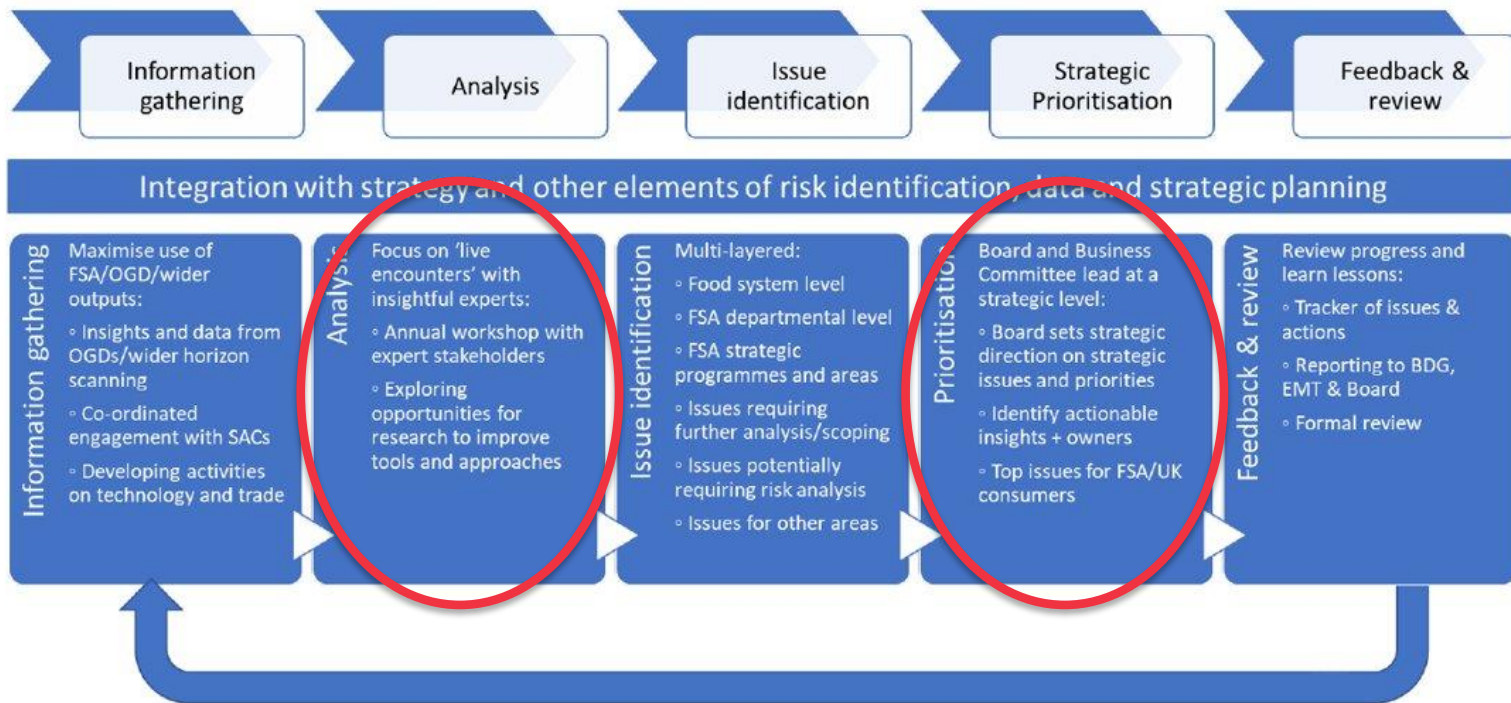
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Working Group 3 on food system risks and horizon scanning

- A series of key recommendations to support the FSA delivery of a robust and insightful strategic horizon scanning function.
- On 19th June FSA Board warmly welcomed the recommendations and agreed to use them in developing their own strategic horizon scanning.
- FSA set out initial framework for operationalising 5-10 year timeline strategic horizon scanning at the Board meeting.
- At the last Science Council meeting in June it was agreed FSA would provide a progress update

Outline of FSA Horizon Scanning Framework



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Working Group 4 on Data Usage and Digital Technology

- Has aimed to assess emerging data innovation and its impact on the FSA's mission over the next 2-5 years, in support of the FSA's data strategy and research.
- Working Group Chaired by Patrick Wolfe established in September 2018.
- Team made good initial progress but perception is this may have slowed in the commissioning of external project support. Welcome discussion of progress and projects with Patrick in Item 6 for assurance.

Questions:

1. Clear Working Group 4 is delayed in reporting back to the FSA till Q1 20/21: 6 months later than proposed in Terms of Reference. What lessons need to be taken from this and applied elsewhere?
2. Should the Working Group be directly connecting to commissioned projects to a greater extent or is there confidence in their delivery?
3. With the delivery of the commissioned projects and the Patrick's synopsis of Phase 1, as will be discussed in the afternoon, is the Working Group confident that it can provide the FSA meaningful independent assurance and recommendations for the future, or what else needing to be undertaken to achieve this goal in a timely manner?

Working Group 5 on food hypersensitivity

- This is a very important piece of work for the FSA and FSA Board
- There is close interest in progress of Working Group 5 from Heather and the Board.
- I am gratified with the close collaboration with ACSS having members sitting on the organising groups for Working Group 5.
- Over the last 6 months there has been considerable activity by the Working Group Chair, the Secretariat and the rest of the Council laying ground work.
- This has led to a new delivery structure proposed for the working group.
- The overall deadline for delivery of the Working Group report should be achievable.

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Working with other Scientific Advisory Committees

Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Chair's Workshop 19th Oct 2019

- I attended this workshop and provided an update on Science Council activities at the SAC Roundtable.
- Discussions touched on several points of interest to this Council.

Other SAC meetings

- Science Council are now attending SAC meetings: Paul Turner and John O'Brien have recently attended ACNFP and COT meetings.
- I have written to SAC chairs to agree a short protocol for Council guests at their committees.
- In future the Science Council will invite other SACs to Science Council meetings to update us on their work. I am interested to know from the Council which SAC they would like to see attend the next Working group workshop in March next year.

Final Thoughts

- At my last update in June I said I thought that the Science Council had established ourselves as a trusted independent advisory body and had constructive relationships with the FSA board, officials and between Council Members.
- Working groups 1, 2 and 3 have delivered valuable recommendations that have been taken on enthusiastically by the FSA Board and Executive.
- One area I felt we could improve is building stronger external relationships and I feel that we are doing that by engaging with other SACs