

Paper 4.4
Horizon Scanning Update (December 2019)

Summary

<p>This paper provides an update on progress for the <i>horizon scanning</i> working group. This paper is for information and discussion.</p>

Background

The ACSS Horizon Scanning Working Group (HSWG) was setup to advise the FSA on key strategic priorities and methodologies to assess economic and social impacts associated with emerging technologies in both the food safety regulatory and space. At the first HSWG meeting held on 10th October 2019, it was discussed that there was an annual horizon scanning workshop that the Scientific Advisory Committees (SAC) fed into and that there was a risk of the group essentially duplicating efforts.

Members

- Dr Seda Erdem, University of Stirling (Chair)
- Julie Barnett, University of Bath (UoB)
- Susan Michie, University College London (UCL)
- George Gaskell, London School Economics (LSE)
- Julie Hill, Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP)

FSA

- Nicholas Daniel
- Nuria Casadevall
- Daniel Sugden

Next steps

A mutual agreement has been come to between the chair of the working group - Dr Seda Erdem - the members of the group, and the FSA that the proposed approach for this working group was not suitable. The Committee has subsequently decided that instead of a separate working group it would prefer to feed into horizon scanning alongside the Science Council

To this end, it has been agreed that ACSS members will be able to feed into, along with the SAC, the annual horizon scanning workshop early next year.

Discussion

This paper is for information and general discussion.

Dr Seda Erdem, ACSS WG Chair