

Paper 4.7
Response Mode

Summary

This paper provides background information and a progress update on the Committee's new responsive mode of working. This paper is for information and discussion.

Background

At the last meeting of the ACSS (2 April 2019) the 2018/2019 Working Groups which had been set up to deliver specific outputs relating to (i) Behavioural Science, (ii) Risk Communication and (iii) a review of Food and You, were formally dissolved. However, it was recognised that there would be continued FSA interest in these three areas.

In response to this, the Committee proposed trialling a 'responsive mode' way of working whereby Committee members with relevant expertise could be asked for advice on an ad-hoc basis through a short request form. Requests would go through the ACSS Secretariat who would then contact the appropriate ACSS Working Group Chair. The Chair would then be responsible for identifying who in the Committee would be best placed to respond to the request, calling on their own contacts/networks as required. It was noted that this would encourage agile working and avoid proliferation of working groups. It was agreed that this new way of working would be reviewed after 6 months.

Progress

In May 2019 the ACSS Secretariat and ACSS Chair devised a form to be used by FSA staff to request input or advice from ACSS members (see Annex A). The Secretariat circulated the form to members of the FSA's Analytics Unit who were encouraged to use the form if they or stakeholders they were working with required ad-hoc support. To date, the form has not been used.

Discussion

This paper is for information and discussion. Specifically, we would like to discuss whether the form is still required and if so, how to raise awareness and encourage its use.

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Question (to be completed by FSA)

Date	
Title	
Topic (please mark with an 'X')	Application of Behavioural Science <input type="checkbox"/> Risk Communication <input type="checkbox"/> Food and You <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
The Question	
Background to the Question	
Purpose of the Information Received	
Deadline for Response	
FSA Contact	<i>(name, title)</i>
	<i>(e-mail, phone number)</i>

Response (to be completed by ACSS)

Date	
ACSS Contact	<i>(name, title)</i>
	<i>(e-mail, phone number)</i>
Others Consulted	

Response to the Question

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