

# Scottish Food Crime & Incidents Unit Update and briefing on Joint FSS/FSA Food Crime Strategic Assessment

## 1 Purpose of the presentation

- 1.1 The purpose of this presentation is to provide the Board with an update on the current work of the Scottish Food Crime and Incidents Unit (SFCIU) and to provide a briefing on the joint FSS/FSA Food Crime Strategic Assessment which is due for publication.
- 1.2 The Scottish Food Crime and Incidents Unit (SFCIU) incorporates the food and feed safety incident response functions along with the food crime investigations and intelligence gathering arm of FSS.
- 1.3 The SFCIU now includes the FSS Resilience function which leads our Emergency Preparedness portfolio of work.
- 1.4 The Board is asked to:
  - **Note** the content of the presentation and the current work being carried out by the SFCIU.

## 2 Strategic aims

- 2.1 This work supports FSS Strategic Outcome 1 – Food is Safe and Authentic; 3 – Responsible Food Businesses are enabled to thrive; 4 – Consumers are empowered to make positive choices about food, and 5 – FSS is trusted and influential.

## 3 Identification of risks and issues

- 3.1 The Board annually agrees the risk appetite for the Executive and consideration is given to how this may be impacted during an incident or criminal investigation.
- 3.2 The day-to-day management of risk linked to routine food and feed incidents or food crime is managed by the SFCIU. Risk linked to non-routine food and feed incidents is managed in line with the FSS Incident Management Plan. For UK-wide incidents, the risk is shared by FSS and the FSA with the lead being mutually agreed depending on incident circumstances in line with the FSS - FSA MOU.

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