

Appendix 1 Draft Consultation response

Consultation question 1:

To what extent do you agree with the framework proposals for Ministers and public authorities to prepare statements of policy, have regard to them in the exercise of relevant functions, and report on implementation, with regard to international obligations and guidance?

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Please explain your answer.

ACC believes that it is important that statements on food policy have due regard for relevant international obligations and guidance in order to ensure that Scotland continues to meet our obligations and to ensure that Scotland's reputation is maintained.

If new duties are imposed upon LAs as a result of this policy, then additional financial resources will be required from Scottish Government accordingly.

Consultation question 2:

Whilst we do not plan to require all sectors to prepare statements of policy on food, they do all have a role to play in achieving our Good Food Nation ambition. To what extent do you agree that Government should encourage and enable businesses in particular to play their part?

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Please explain your answer.

It will not be possible to deliver on the Good Food Nation vision for Scotland without the relevant support of businesses. Therefore, it is essential that they are encouraged to play their part. It will be important that this is undertaken in a manner that supports business and does not have disproportionate implications on Scottish businesses compared with the benefits delivered in order to ensure Scottish businesses remain competitive.

Consultation question 3:

To what extent do you agree with the proposed approach to accountability of Scottish Ministers and specified public authorities?

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Please explain your answer.

In order for statements on food policy to be effective in driving improvements and to ensure that they are considered in relation to wider policy, it is vital that there are effective arrangements for accountability. It is agreed, that a new body to provide oversight is unnecessary. Potentially, this role could be provided by either Food Standards Scotland and/or Public Health Scotland.

Consultation question 4:

To what extent do you agree with the proposal for targeted legislation relevant to specific policy areas as an alternative to a single piece of legislation?

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Please explain your answer.

Due to the very wide scope of the proposals, it is agreed that specific separate pieces of legislation to deliver the specific desired outcomes is a proportionate approach.