

# Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition

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**Paper for Discussion:                    Horizon Scanning Workshop**

**Agenda item 08**

Please see attached paper for discussion.

The Committee is requested to discuss proposals for a horizon scanning workshop and suggest topics for the agenda.

### **Proposed Horizon Scanning Workshop**

1. The Secretariat, in conjunction with the Chair, discussed the possibility of a horizon scanning workshop for the Committee. The aim would be to forward plan any major agenda items for SACN and to consider what research and survey information might be needed to aid the Committee. It could also be used as an opportunity for the Committee to discuss the service received from the Secretariat and any necessary changes to the conduct of the Committee.
2. The proposal, subject to agreement, is for an out of town free standing (not tagged to a set SACN meeting) and over night (to give adequate time for discussion) workshop during the summer. The workshop will be a closed meeting but a summary report will be written for publication with the papers of the next scheduled SACN meeting.
3. Members are requested to consider this proposal and in particular the following aspects:
  - Timing and duration – 1 day, lunchtime to lunchtime. Date?
  - Venue – out of London? – hotel or other?
  - Procedural issues – secretariat support for all or part of meeting
  - Agenda

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4. The topics that the workshop might cover are:
  - forward work programme (see Annex)
  - future research and survey needs
  - members training
  - committee's working practices

**Annex****Forward Work Programme**

1. The topics below have been drawn from discussions at past SACN meetings. The committee may like to review their position in the SACN programme and indicate their likely position in the committee's timetable.
  - Iron report
  - Nutritional Assessment of Novel Foods
  - Folates
  - Oily Fish
  - Dietary Recommendations and the National Diet and Nutritional Survey
  - SACN current framework of evaluation of evidence-to be reviewed
  - European Food Standards Authority/Food Standards Agency/Commission interrelations regarding nutrition
  - DRV's
  - Obesity
2. In addition to these items the Committee is invited to identify emerging issues that SACN may need to consider in the future so that they can be worked into the committee's timetable and so that evidence or information can be collected in a timely fashion and any necessary links with other committees can be established.