



**Paper for agreement: National Diet and Nutrition Survey: Rolling Programme**

**Agenda item: 7**

The attached paper makes proposals for the formal involvement of the Committee in the tendering and methodological development for the National Diet and Nutrition Survey: rolling programme.

The Committee is asked to consider and agree these proposals.

## **National Diet and Nutrition Survey (NDNS) Rolling Programme**

1. The purpose of this paper is to seek the Committee's agreement to proposals to involve it in the development of the NDNS rolling programme.

### Background

2. Following a review of the FSA's dietary survey programme in 2002/03 the FSA Board agreed in principle in December 2003 that the Agency should adopt a rolling programme model for future dietary survey work. SACN discussed proposals for the structure and content of the rolling programme at its Horizon Scanning meeting earlier this year and asked to be closely involved in the development of the methodology for the programme.
3. The proposals were presented to the Agency's Board in February. The Board agreed that implementation of a core rolling programme covering the whole UK could proceed, subject to agreeing co-funding arrangements with the Department of Health (DH). The Agency has now secured agreement in principle from DH to co-fund the core programme and on this basis is beginning the procurement process with the aim of having a contractor in place by early 2006 to prepare for a pilot study in summer 2006.

### Proposal for involving SACN in the development of the programme

4. It is proposed that a SACN sub-group should be set up to provide advice on the rolling programme, initially during the tendering process and development work for the pilot study. This would consist of up to four SACN members with expertise in dietary survey methods. It is intended that one member of this sub-group would sit on the Project Management Board for the survey.
5. The Committee is asked to agree this approach.