

CABINET SECRETARY FOR RURAL AFFAIRS AND ISLANDS
Briefing for regular catch up meeting with Soil Association

What	At the last meeting with the Soil Association on 6 July it was agreed it would be useful to have regular catch up meetings on a quarterly basis.
Where	Online. Click here to join the meeting
When	17 November 2021 14.00 -14.45
Key Message(s)	Pleased to be able to continue our conversations about the work of the Soil Association and how we can potentially collaborate in the longer-term on food and farming issues.
Who	Representatives from Soil Association: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [REDACTED] – Head of Policy, Soil Association Scotland • [REDACTED] - Head of Food, Soil Association Scotland
Why	An opportunity to discuss recent SG announcements on AECS and the National Test Programme. The Soil Association would also like to discuss their 10 Priorities for Government, specifically the priorities in relation to agroforestry and fertiliser, pesticide and antimicrobial reductions, their Ultra-Processed Food campaign and the Good Food Nation Bill.
Supporting official	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
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Media Handling	None as comms teams focusing on COP26.
Social Media	

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ANNEX A

SUMMARY

- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
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GOOD FOOD NATION BILL

- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]

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ANNEX B

AGENDA

- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
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In addition, the Soil Association have suggested a brief discussion about the ongoing work on the next phase of Food for Life might be useful. Given the full agenda and that officials from the Food and Drink Division working with SA on this have provided you with regular updates there is no requirement to include this on the agenda.

Attendees

- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]

Agri-environment and Wider Biodiversity Support

[REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]

Top Lines

- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
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- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]

Agri-environment Support

- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]

Future Agri-environment Support

- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]

Agri-Environment Climate Scheme (AECS)

- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
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Organics

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- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]

Contact: [REDACTED]

Agriculture and Climate Change

[REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]

Top lines

- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
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Current actions

- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
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Existing support:

- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]

Climate Change Plan update 2020

- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]

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Contact: [REDACTED]

AGROFORESTRY

Soil Association Priority 5

[REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]

Top Lines

- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
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Progress

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- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]

Removing barriers

- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
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- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]

Promotion and engagement with stakeholders

- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]

Contact: [REDACTED]

FERTILISER, PESTICIDE AND ANTIMICROBIAL REDUCTIONS

[REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]

PESTICIDES

[REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]

Top lines

- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
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Background

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FERTILISERS

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Top Lines

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GMOS/ GENE EDITING

Not to be raised, but as quite topical it may be brought up

Top Lines

- Scotland's policy on GMOs has not changed. We remain opposed to the use of GM in farming, to protect the clean, green brand of Scotland's £15 billion food and drink industry.
- We are aware of current debate around novel genomic techniques and how these relate to existing GM legislation, and we note in particular the consideration of this at EU level. The Scottish Government is committed to keeping aligned with the European Union, and we are closely monitoring the EU's position on this issue.
- We are aware of Defra's plans to review the English regulatory definitions of a genetically modified organism, to exclude organisms produced by gene editing and other genetic technologies if they could have been developed by traditional breeding. We are considering the implications for Scotland and will continue to engage with Defra, Wales, and Northern Ireland to ensure that devolved competences are respected.

ANTIMICROBIALS

Top Lines

- [REDACTED, OUT OF SCOPE]
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ULTRA PROCESSED FOODS

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GOOD FOOD NATION BILL

LINES TO TAKE

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SOIL ASSOCIATION 10 PRIORITIES FOR GOVERNMENT



10 Priorities for Government

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