

# FSA Scientific Advisory Committees Independent Review 2022/23

The FSA's Scientific Advisory Committees (SACs) are non-statutory and Advisory Non-Departmental Public Bodies (ANDPBs) or Departmental Expert Committees (DECs) which are subject to review under the [Cabinet Office Public Bodies review programme](#).

## Purpose

Following the recommendations of the [2016 review](#), two new Committees were established, the Science Council and Advisory Committee for Social Sciences (ACSS). Under the guidelines for public bodies review all newly formed bodies must undergo an independent review.

The purpose of an independent review is to provide assurance to the FSA, and its stakeholders, that the role and purpose of the SACs being reviewed is appropriate in addressing future needs of the FSA, consumers, and wider government. The review is also undertaken to ensure the SACs are operating effectively and efficiently.

## Independent Reviewers

On Tuesday 22nd November 2022 the FSA [appointed Professor Sir Charles Godfray](#) (Lead Reviewer) and [Professor Annette Boaz](#) to act as independent assessors of the Science Council and ACSS and to produce the review report and recommendations.

# Report

The report and recommendations were submitted by the Independent Reviewers and were published on the FSA SAC website on the 8th June 2023.

[Review of the Food Standard Agency's Science Council and Advisory Committee for Social Sciences](#)

The FSA response to the report and recommendations has also be published.

[FSA Response to the Public Body Reviews](#)