

ELEMENTS OF AN EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE SYSTEM OF REGULATORY OVERSIGHT

On 17 August 2016 the FSS Board agreed that an effective and sustainable system of regulatory oversight for Scotland should align with FSS's strategic direction as outlined in the draft regulatory strategy, and were supportive of six key elements proposed as a basis for further dialogue with stakeholders.

Importantly, in recognising the many challenges facing the current regulatory system, not least the resource pressures on enforcement bodies which could impact negatively on official control delivery, the Board was clear there is a need to balance costs to industry against a cost-effective system of regulatory oversight.

These six key elements are:

- 1. Consumers have trust in the regulatory oversight of businesses;*
- 2. The standards applied to food and feed production are internationally recognised;*
- 3. Businesses have confidence in regulatory oversight, are confident that good compliance is recognised, and non-compliance is addressed effectively;*
- 4. Ensuring compliance is achieved through risk-based, proportionate and effective enforcement where necessary;*
- 5. There is confidence in systems for monitoring, reporting and evaluating performance of both businesses and the regulator;*
- 6. Controls are effective and sustainable, protect consumers and support the reputation of Scotland and Scottish businesses*