



## **HORIZON SCANNING**

### **ISSUE**

1. To raise awareness of issues SEAC may consider in the future.

### **BACKGROUND**

2. At SEAC 94, officials from the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Food Standards Agency (FSA) and Department of Health (DH) will outline emerging issues and key areas from each department's perspective. This annual horizon scan provides an indication of the committee's work over the forthcoming year and an opportunity for the committee to comment.
3. This year, to broaden the horizon scanning perspective, representatives from the National Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Surveillance Unit (NCJDSU) and National Prion Unit (NPU) were invited to participate. The NCJDSU will outline emerging issues from their perspective although, unfortunately, no representative from the NPU was able to attend.

### **ADVICE SOUGHT FROM THE COMMITTEE**

4. Members are requested to:
  - comment on the presentations given by Defra, FSA, DH and NCJDSU.
  - highlight other issues that could be considered by the committee.