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REVIEW OF THE FARM ANIMAL WELFARE COUNCIL

1. A review of the Farm Animal Welfare Council (FAWC) has been commissioned and this is an opportunity for you to contribute, if you wish to do so.

2. This will be a 'light touch' review, such as the Cabinet Office recommends should be undertaken periodically of all advisory Non-Departmental Public Bodies (NDPBs). It will be undertaken by our In House Policy Consultancy and will be completed by October. FAWC was last reviewed in 2003. Its current terms of reference, membership and papers may be found at <http://www.fawc.org.uk>

3. The key issues to be addressed are:

- (1) Is the work that FAWC does still needed?
- (2) If it is, is FAWC the best organisation to undertake it? (Other possibilities include 'ad hoc' consultations; seeking advice from a single external organisation; merger with another body.)
- (3) How well has FAWC performed in the past and how might performance be improved in the future? (This will include looking at examples of past good practice, membership, partnership working, and use of technology.)
- (4) An executive NDPB or non-Ministerial Government Department may be established after 2012 with responsibility for animal health in England. What difference, if any, should this make to FAWC?

4. ***If you would like to comment on any of these issues, please respond in writing by Friday 1 July to the reviewer:***

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