

# Food Standards Scotland: transition to the future

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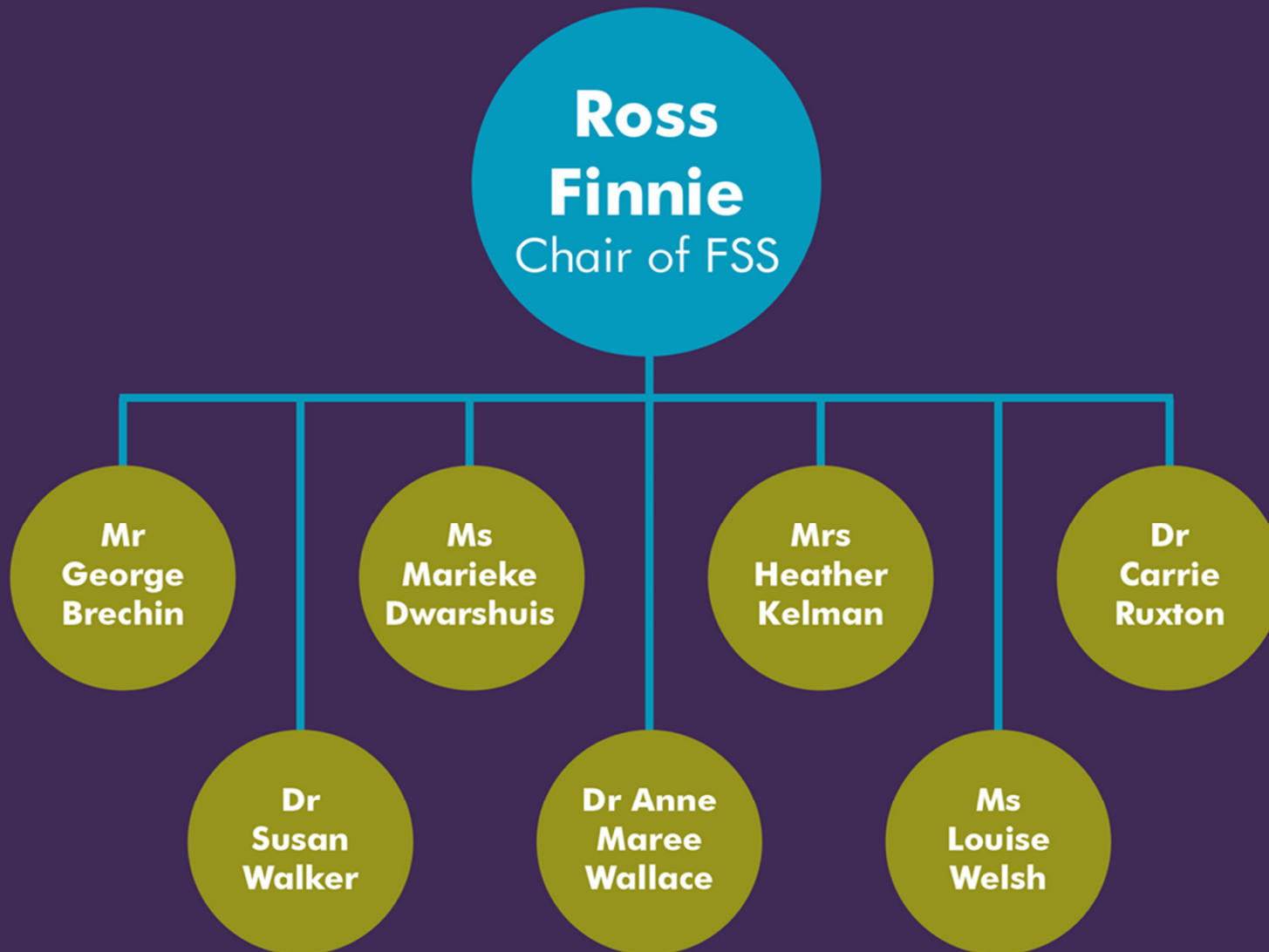


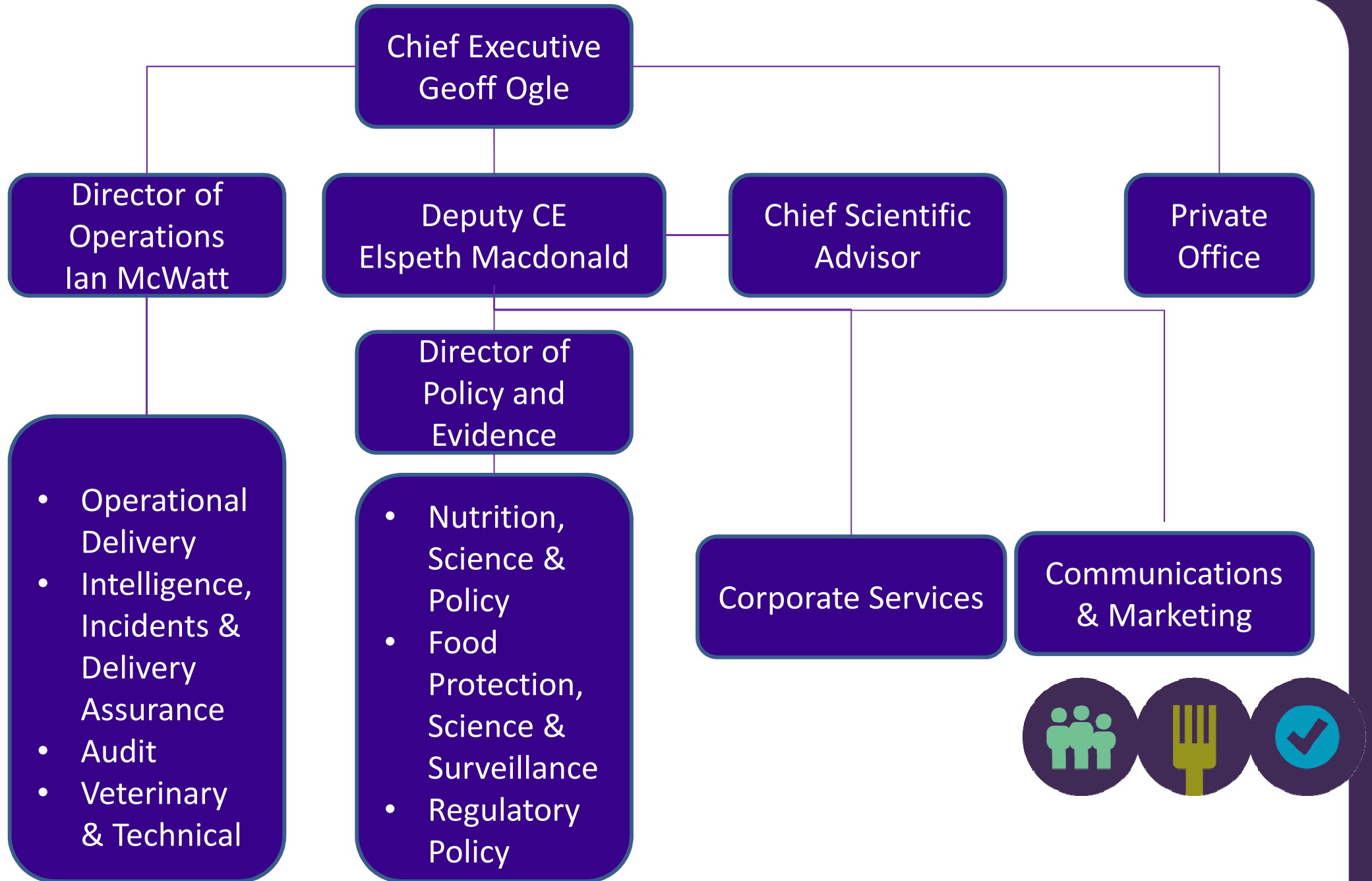
## Introduction

- **Vesting Day - 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015**
- **New Chair and Board in place**
- **Chair – Ross Finnie**
- **Chief Executive – Geoff Ogle**
- **Broader objectives in the Food (Scotland) Act 2015**



# Chair and Board





## Broader Objectives for FSS

- **Protect public from risks to health which may arise in connection with the consumption of food**
- **Improve the extent to which members of the public have diets which are conducive to good health**
- **Protect the other interests of consumers in relation to food**



## Food Standards Scotland...

- ...has consumer protection and interests at its heart
- ...should be the voice of authority on food matters
- ...is open and transparent in its dealings with the public, stakeholders and partners
- ...acts independently, at arm's length from Ministers
- ...bases decisions upon sound science and evidence
- ...is an evolution of the Food Standards Agency in Scotland – we will do some things differently but have a solid foundation to build upon



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## What are we transitioning to?

- Wholly Scottish focus:
  - Scottish Board
  - Scottish strategy
- Outcomes that best serve consumers in Scotland
- Direct accountability to Scottish Parliament



# Vision and Strategy

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**"I want you to find a bold and innovative way to do everything exactly the same way it's been done for 25 years."**

## What will be different?

- Different balance between food safety and authenticity - new statutory powers
- Focus on Scottish priorities
- Working more closely with SG but retaining our independence – e.g. Good Food Nation
- Chief Scientific Advisor for FSS
- EU/international issues – role for FSS
- FSS Strategy to 2018



## Opportunities:

- Building on what FSAS achieved
- Ways of working, reflecting Scottish priorities, that protect consumers and supports growth of compliant businesses
- Build on effective working relationships with LAs, industry and government, whilst maintaining focus on consumer protection
- Regulatory and compliance strategy for FSS
- Regulatory Reform Act 2015 - Scottish Regulators' Strategic Code of Practice
- Primary Authority Scheme for Scotland
- Working closely with other Scottish regulators



# Contributing to the Scottish Government's Purpose

Government Priorities		FSS Contribution
Tackling Inequality	↔	Improving Diet
Sustainable economic growth	↔	Business compliance
Transforming public services	↔	Intelligence led, risk-based delivery



## How will we achieve this?

- Effective partnership working and stakeholder engagement
- Evidence based policy development
- Encouraging and empowering consumers - improving compliance
- Intelligence-led, risk-based approaches to delivery, with proportionate enforcement
- Good relationships with FSA



## Working Together

- protecting consumers from risks to health from food and helping consumers choose diets which are conducive to good health
- FSS as regulator - compliance is good for consumers and good for business
- Protection of public health is not incompatible with business and economic growth
- By working together we can deliver better outcomes for consumers and businesses.



## Next Steps – Priorities

- Ensure that FSS meets its obligations as CCA
- Developing FSS's strategy
- Recruit CSA and develop science and evidence strategy
- Develop guidance for new statutory powers from 2015 Act
- Work with industry on a testing regime
- Implement the Scudamore post-horsemeat recommendations, including the FSS intelligence capability
- Current LA delivery – engage with LAs on future work plan for efficient and effective delivery
- Review FHIS – partnership with LAs
- With others, develop future approach to improving diet
- etc!



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