

Report on	Response to the Food Standards Agency's consultation on Building on the success of the front-of-pack nutrition labelling in the UK.
Date of Meeting	13 th October 2020
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To inform Members about the Food Standards Agency's consultation on Building on the success of the front-of-pack nutrition labelling in the UK.
2.0	Background
2.1	This consultation is intended to seek the views of the public on front-of-pack nutrition labels (FOPNL). Front of pack nutrition labels are a crucial intervention to support healthy choices and reduce obesity rates by communicating complex nutritional information to shoppers in a way that's easy to understand. This can reduce dietary intakes of calories and nutrients, such as salt, saturated fat and sugar which, if overconsumed, have been linked to chronic disease.
2.2	<p>The aim of this consultation is to gather views and evidence to help to inform any future improvements to the UK Government and Devolved Administration's recommended FOPNL, to ensure that the UK's label remains the most effective at informing healthier choices. This consultation asks for the public's views and evidence on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the UK government's and devolved administrations' recommended FOPNL scheme, the 'multiple traffic light label' new international examples, specifically the 'nutri-score' label and 'Chile's health warning label' which have gained prominence in recent years whether FOPNL should reflect the latest dietary advice on sugar and fibre.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Health and Well-being subgroup of the Northern Ireland Food Managers Group, which sits under Environmental Health Northern Ireland (EHNI), has prepared a response for the Food Standards Agency's Consultation on 'Building on the success of the front-of-pack nutrition labelling in the UK: A public Consultation'.
3.2	This consultation response has been considered by this department and is attached, having been amended to include comments from this department.

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: N/a
	Human: N/a
	Risk Management: N/a
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/a
	Rural Needs Implications: N/a
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	It is recommended that Council considers the content of the attached proposed response to this consultation and if in agreement, responds to the Food Standards Agency in accordance with the completed consultation template. The closing date of the consultation is 21st October 2020.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Proposed Mid Ulster District Council response to the Food Standards Agency’s consultation on Building on the success of the front-of-pack nutrition labelling in the UK: A public Consultation.