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Science Advisory Council (by e-mail)

**From the Chief Scientific Adviser**

**Professor Ian Boyd**

Dear Science Advisory Council,

**Review of Defra's Expert Evidence Advisory Committee Structure**

I welcome the Science Advisory Council (SAC) report on the Review of Defra's Expert Evidence Advisory Committee Structure, which helpfully sets out recommendations following SAC's high-level examination, on strategic issues and principles, for Defra's committee structure in the future.

The report raises a number of critical questions and challenges for Defra and I would like to thank the Science Advisory Council for this.

The Defra review team will be considering the recommendations. In particular, the team will undertake further scoping of the 'evidence college' idea which SAC have put forward as an alternative way of accessing external evidence advice.

We will report back to you on this over the coming months.

Best regards

**Professor Ian Boyd**



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