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Making sense of Ultra Processed Foods: A Public Dialogue Oversight Group Meeting #4

Date of meeting: Tuesday 21st October 2025, 14:00-16:00

Attendance: Michelle Patel (Food Standards Agency), Jenny Rosborough (Department health and Social Care), Lucy Foster (Defra), Anne Ferguson-Smith (BBSRC), Ciarán Forde (Wageningen University and Research), Bob Doherty (University of York), Julie Lovegrove (University of Reading), Anna Taylor (The Food Foundation), Dan Crossley (Food Ethics Council), Dan Clarke (IGD), Kate Halliwell (The Food and Drink Federation)

Chair: Dame Theresa Marteau (University of Cambridge)

Apologies: John Mathers (Newcastle University), Ortwin Renn (University of Stuttgart)

Also in attendance: Representatives of Hopkins Van Mill (Henrietta Hopkins, Sophie Reid), URSUS Consulting (Anna Macgillivray), ScienceWise (Diane Beddoes), Food Standards Agency (Sophie Watson, Ely Mirzahosseinkhan). Michelle Beattie (UKRI Communications) and UKRI-BBSRC secretariat (Riaz Bhunnoo, Claire Colenutt).

Agenda item 1: Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the Oversight Group members to the final meeting, emphasising that there would be further engagement activities regarding preparation and release of the final report.

The Chair reiterated the importance of keeping declaration of interest forms up to date, as this promotes transparency, and helps further build public trust and confidence in the UPF public dialogue. No new declarations were reported.

Agenda item 2: Updates on UPF public dialogue

Henrietta Hopkins (Hopkins Van Mill) provided an overview of the dialogue process to date and an update on the final report. The Oversight Group were reminded of the objectives of the dialogue and given a recap of the dialogue process, including the structure and an overview of content. Key themes and findings of the dialogue were presented ahead of a draft report being shared with the project team and Oversight Group. Henrietta also shared details from the final workshop of the dialogue which took place in September, that brought together participants and key stakeholders.

Henrietta also briefed the Oversight Group on the expected timeline for producing the final report, indicating where input from the group would be required. The report will be shared with the Oversight Group on 14th November, with comments asked to be returned by 21st November. The final report will be delivered to UKRI on 5th December 2025.

Agenda item 3: Updates on the UPF public dialogue evaluation



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Anna Macgillivray (URSUS Consulting) presented an update on the evaluation findings for the dialogue.

- Commentary on the project objectives, covering dialogue content and engagement of the participants and expert speakers.
- Activity from the final in-person workshop.
- Reflections on what the participants had gained from being a part of the dialogue project.

Agenda item 4: Communications brief

Michelle Beattie (UKRI Communications) presented the initial communications plan for the launch of the dialogue report, which aims to ensure the dialogue findings reach appropriate audiences and will support informed and accurate media coverage. It was highlighted that the messaging will reflect the findings from the dialogue and the views of the public and a range of media channels will be used to support this.

Agenda item 5: Close

The Chair summarised key discussion points and thanked all members of the Oversight Group for their participation, engagement and contribution to the dialogue. UKRI also thanked all members of the oversight group for their helpful contributions.