

Agenda for meeting of Cross Party Group on Food

Committee Room 4 of the Scottish Parliament at 6.00pm

Wednesday 5 October 2016

The meeting will be chaired by Richard Lochhead MSP

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting (7 September 2016)
3. Matters Arising

4. **Productivity –Time For a Leap Forward**

Scotland's food and drink industry launched a new, ambitious [action plan](#) to boost productivity in the sector on September 7th. The call to action has been made by a coalition of key public sector and industry bodies working through Scotland Food & Drink.

There will be 4 short presentations:

- Overview of the importance of productivity to the food and drink industry
- Support for productivity - Nick Shields, Director of the Scottish Manufacturing Advisory Service (SMAS)
- Two Industry speakers talking about specific examples

This will be followed by an open debate.

5. **Ark of Taste**

How to give Scottish input into [Ark of Taste](#) a project to protect the world's endangered foods and opportunities for Scotland-Wendy Barrie, Scottish Food Guide

6. Dates of next meetings