

# **The Biscuit Cake Chocolate and Confectionery sector (BCCC) of the Food and Drink Federation (FDF)**

## **One Year On**

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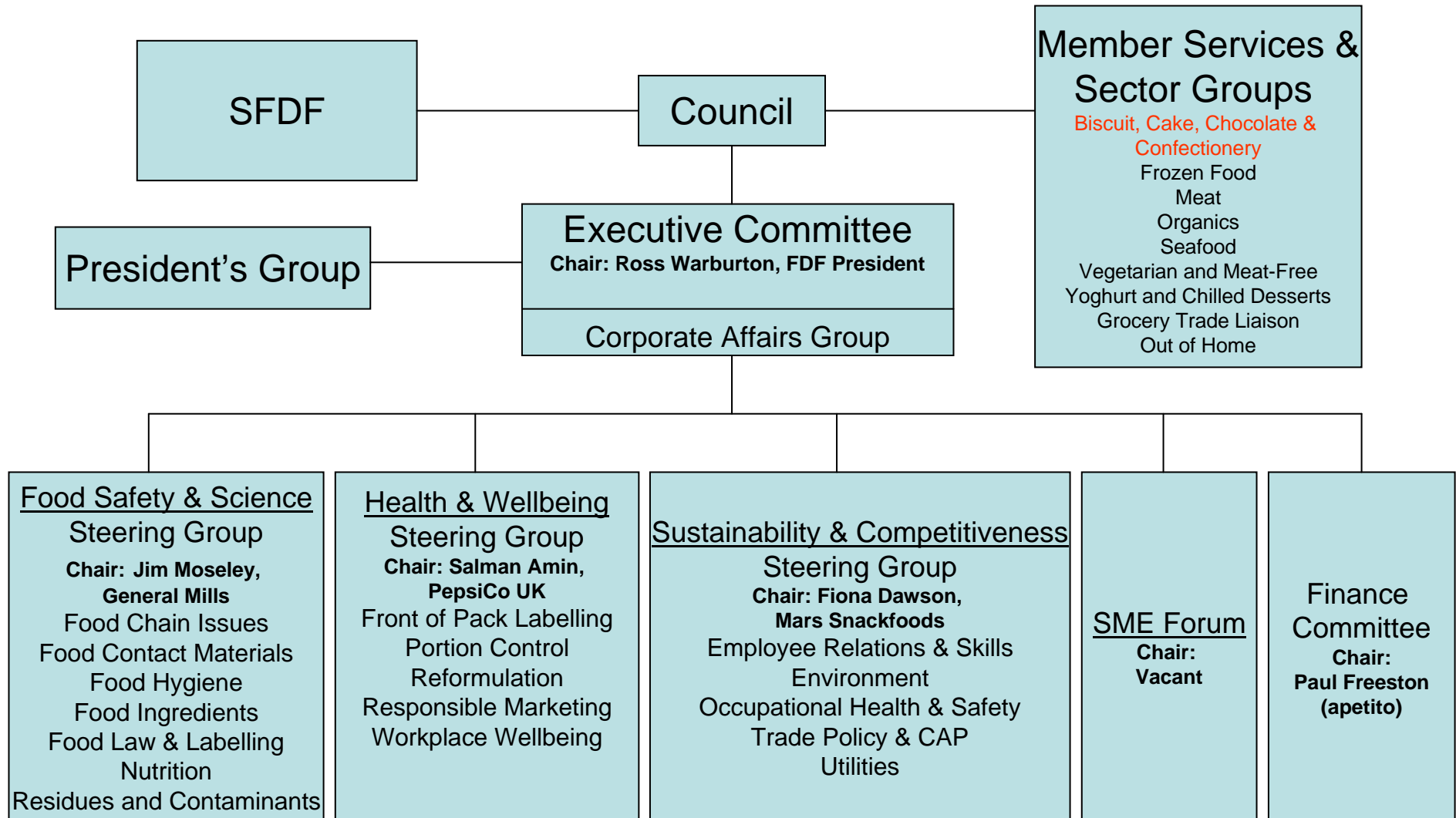
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## **Food and drink Industry**

- **Represents 15% of the UK's total manufacturing sector**
- **Is the fourth largest food and drink manufacturing industry in the world**
- **Directly employs about 440,000 people**
- **Is an important trading partner with Europe**
- **and a key partner for UK farmers**
- **Comprises 6,500 companies, the majority being SMEs or micro enterprises**



# FDF ORGANISATIONAL CHART



# FDF's Priorities

- **Food Safety and Science;**
- **Health and Wellbeing;**
- **Sustainability and Competitiveness;**
- **Communications;**
- **Delivering for all Members.**



# Food safety priorities

- To promote and foster the proportionate handling of food safety incidents at national and EU level, and to coordinate an effective industry response to any such incidents;
- To seek proportionate and evidence-based legislation, coupled with effective and pragmatic enforcement (eg food improvement agents, novel foods and food contact materials);
- To influence UK Government and EU policy (eg on nanotechnology, GM, food information and process contaminants).

# **Health & Wellbeing Priorities**

- **To deliver a positive outcome from nutrition labelling discussions at national and EU level;**
- **To promote industry's work to enable consumers to eat healthily and balance their diets;**
- **To enhance industry's reputation by promoting healthier workplaces.**

# **FDF's five-fold environmental ambition**

- **Cutting CO2 emissions**
- **Zero waste to landfill**
- **Minimising packaging waste**
- **Reducing water use**
- **Fewer transport miles**

# **A competitive industry**

- **Improved access to agricultural raw materials at competitive prices;**
- **Improved access to export markets for UK food and drink;**
- **Reduced transport and distribution costs;**
- **Improved productivity;**
- **A proportionate regulatory and administrative environment.**

# **Delivering for Members**

- **Influencing across the UK and Europe;**
- **Full access to FDF website – 20,000 documents; weekly and monthly news summaries; incident alerts; technical circulars; best practice workshops;**
- **Advice and support from technical experts including crisis management;**
- **Regular networking events, seminars, customer meetings;**
- **Tailored services for SMEs;**
- **Sector specific representation.**

## Sector Specific Issues

- Reformulation: challenges and opportunities of salt, sat fat and sugar reduction;
- Representation at CAOBISCO (EU trade association);
- Allergens management (incl. milk in dark chocolate);
- EU additives review and extension of use of sweeteners;
- Nutrient profiles and portion size in the context of EC legislation (claims and food information);
- Chewing Gum Action Group (CGAG);
- Residues, contaminants, food contact materials;
- Trade and commercial issues;
- Provide a platform for representation and discussion for the sector (Annual Conference);
- Raise the profile of the UK BCCC sector (events in UK and Brussels).

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