

# **Committee on the Inquiry into the E.coli outbreak in Wales**

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**Meeting date: 17 November 2005**

**Meeting time: 9:00 am to 12:30 pm**

**Meeting venue: Committee Room 1, National Assembly for Wales**

## **SUBMISSION FORM THE WELSH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ON THE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

In a letter to the Clerk to the Committee dated 27 October, Steve Thomas, Director of the WLGA suggests "that the Committee should have regard to the following issues:

1. The value of FSA audits of local authorities in Wales.
2. The priority attached to food hygiene work by local authorities and whether there are sufficient numbers of suitably qualified officers in Wales to deal with contingencies such as a major food poisoning outbreak.
3. Procurement policy.
4. The management of the multi-agency outbreak control team; the co-ordination of the investigation across local authority boundaries and the effectiveness of communications.
5. The role of the media in Wales and wider understanding of the regulatory regime

In conclusion the WLGA welcomes the Committee Inquiry and will be keen to support local authorities to implement any of the recommendations that emerge."

