

**MINUTES OF A REMOTE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION HELD ON MONDAY 24  
MAY 2021 AT 10.00AM BY MS TEAMS**

**Present:**

Mr G McGivern (Chairman)  
Mr J Lennon  
Mr G Maguire  
Mr H Sinclair  
Mr J Stewart  
Mrs O Chesney

**In attendance:**

Mr I Stevenson  
Miss S Blain

**2021/5/1 Apologies**

None.

**2021/5/2 Declaration of Interests Pertaining to Agenda Items for Discussion**

The Board agreed that none of the agenda items required any Board members to abstain from discussions.

**Compliance with the Management Statement & Financial Memorandum, Sponsor Manual and Managing Public Money NI**

Confirmed.

**2021/5/3 Minutes of Commission Meeting Held on 26 April 2021**

The minutes of a meeting, held on 26 April 2021, were approved by the Commission and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Mr J Stewart  
Seconded: Mrs O Chesney

**2021/5/4 Matters Arising**

- **LMC Staff Event**

The Chairman and Chief Executive are considering some options for a staff event.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

**2021/5/5 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman updated the Board on a number of current issues affecting LMC and the red meat industry and his participation in a series of meetings and events since the last meeting of the Board.

- **Quarterly Assurance Meeting** – The Chairman and Chief Executive gave an update on a recent meeting with DAERA Sponsor Branch.
- *Withheld – Commercially Sensitive*

**2021/5/6 Chief Executive's Report**

In advance of the meeting the Chief Executive had circulated a report relating to this section of the meeting.

- **Staffing Situation**

The Chief Executive updated the Board on the current staffing situation. The pay alignment business case is still waiting for approval.

- **PGI Developments**

The Chief Executive updated the Board. According to DAFM, the EC is suggesting that Northern Ireland make an opposition as part of the Third Country/Member State Opposition Phase on a constructive/amicable basis which could provide a route for NI's inclusion in the Irish Grass Fed Beef PGI.

- **Climate Change Bill**

The Climate Change Bill has passed to the Committee stage in the NI Assembly despite concerns raised by the NI agri-food sector. The industry is now turning its attention to an impact assessment of the bill.

- *Withheld – Commercially Sensitive*

- **Balmoral Show**

**Action Point:** The Chief Executive will ask RUAS for some indication of what its minimum and maximum expectations are for Balmoral Show 2021. The Board agreed that LMC should proceed with booking marquee and stand space in the meantime.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

- **State Aid**

The Chief Executive advised that LMC has been granted an extension of the Beef and Sheep Meat Sector Improvement Scheme (NI) 2015 for one year to 31 March 2022. A new state aid submission will have to be submitted during the current financial year.

- **Financial Matters**

The Chief Executive had circulated draft management accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 with the Board papers. These were noted by the Board.

**2021/5/7 Members Register of Interests**

**Action Point:** The Board members will review their pen pictures for inclusion in the annual report and advise the Chief Executive of any changes.

**Action Point:** The Board members will forward any outstanding conflict of interest forms to the Chief Executive.

**2021/5/8 Independent Strategic Review of NI Agri-Food Sector**

**Action Point:** The Chief Executive will take soundings from LMC stakeholders and will draft an LMC response for consideration by the Board.

**Action Point:** The Chief Executive will seek to arrange a meeting of the Board with Sir Peter Kendall to discuss LMC's response.

**2021/5/9 Consideration of LMC Draft Business Plan and Budget for 2021-22**

**Action Point:** The Board approved draft Business Plan and Budget for 2021-22.

Proposed: Mr J Stewart  
Seconded: Mr G Maguire

**2021/5/10 Risk Management/Health & Safety**

**Updated Draft of LMC Risk Register**

The members of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee recommended the updated Risk Register, including an amendment to enhance the controls surrounding information loss and security, to the Board for approval.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

**Action Point:** The Board approved the updated Risk Register

Proposed: Mr J Stewart

Seconded: Mr H Sinclair

**2021/5/11 Any Other Business**

None.

**2021/5/12 Date of Next Meetings**

A meeting of the ARAC will be held on Tuesday 15 June at 2.30pm on Microsoft Teams.

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday 28 June 2021 at 11.00am on Microsoft Teams.

*The Board meeting ended at 12.05pm*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman