

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION HELD ON
MONDAY 29 JUNE 2022 AT 10.00AM ON MICROSOFT TEAMS**

Present:

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

In attendance:

Mr I Stevenson
Miss S Blain

2022/5/1 Apologies

No apologies had been received.

2022/5/2 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.

2022/5/3 Minutes of Commission Meeting Held on 3 May 2022

The minutes of a meeting, held on 3 May 2022, were approved by the Commission and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Mr H Sinclair
Seconded: Mr G Maguire

Signed _____
Chairman

2022/5/4 Matters Arising

- **LMC/DAERA Quarterly Assurance Meeting**

The Chief Executive circulated minutes of the quarterly assurance meeting held on 1 April 2022.

- **Balmoral Show**

The Board commended all staff who were involved in organising and manning an excellent stand at Balmoral Show.

2022/5/5 Chairman's Report

- *Withheld – Commercially Sensitive*

- **Farm Families Health Check** – The Chairman commented that the FFHC is a great example of a population health check.

2022/5/6 Chief Executive's Report

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

- **PGI for Irish Grass Fed Beef**

The Chief Executive reported that all parties are hopeful that a positive consultation response can be agreed and forwarded to the EU. If the EU accept the response, the PGI application will be resubmitted with the changes and NI included.

- *Withheld – Commercially Sensitive*

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2022/5/6 Continued after 2022/5/7

Mr J Stewart left the meeting at 11.10am

Signed _____
Chairman

Mr E McCoy from DAERA Digital Services joined the meeting at 11.10am and was welcomed by the Chairman

2022/5/7 Presentation from DAERA Digital Services on Cybersecurity

Mr McCoy provided some background on the importance put on cybersecurity within DAERA and how DAERA is seeking assurance of the cybersecurity within its ALB's. He then gave a presentation on the DAERA Cyber Assurance Questionnaire and what LMC should consider in order to provide assurance of its cyber security.

The Chairman thanked Mr McCoy for his informative presentation and guidance on the completion of the questionnaire.

Mr McCoy left the meeting at 11.45 am

2022/5/6 (contd) Chief Executive's Report

- *Withheld – Commercially Sensitive*
- **Soil Nutrient Health Scheme**

The closing date for applications for Zone 1 is 8 July 2022. LMC will use its various communication platforms to help encourage farmer engagement in the scheme.

- **Market Outlook Seminar**

The Chief Executive advised that 13 October 2022 had been identified as the preferred date for the IFJ/LMC autumn conference in association with the Andersons Centre. Potential venue is Glenavon House Hotel.

- **Financial Matters**

The Chief Executive advised that LMC had submitted a bid in the First Monitoring Round of 2022-23.

2022/5/8 Draft Business Plan and Budget for 2022-23 – revised version for consideration

The Board noted the revised draft business plan and budget for 2022-23.

Signed _____
Chairman

2022/5/9 Report from ARAC Meeting held on Monday 27 June 2022

The Chief Executive gave a verbal report of the ARAC meeting held on 27 June 2022. The ARAC had approved the ARAC Chairman's annual report and also the governance statement in the Annual Report and Accounts.

The ARAC recommended the Annual Report and Accounts to the Board for approval.

Action Point: The Board approved the Annual Report and Accounts for 2021-22.

Proposed: Mr J Lennon

Seconded: Mr H Sinclair

The ARAC had also agreed that the ARAC Chairman will meet with Internal Audit to agree the final version of the annual IA report and opinion.

2022/5/10 Risk Management/Health & Safety

Nothing to report.

2022/5/11 Any Other Business

None

2022/5/12 Date of Next Meeting

The next LMC Board meeting will be held on Monday 25 July 2022 on MS teams.

The Board meeting ended at 12.15pm.

Signed _____
Chairman