

## MINUTES

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION HELD ON TUESDAY 24 APRIL 2013 AT 10.00 AM AT LISSUE HOUSE

**Present:**

Mr P O'Rourke (Chairman)  
Mr P O'Neill  
Mr K Sharkey  
Mr I Mark  
Mrs M McCormack  
Mr J Noble

**In attendance:**

Mr I Stevenson  
Miss S Blain

**2013/4/1 Apologies**

None.

**2013/4/2 Minutes**

The minutes of a meeting held on 27 March 2013 were approved by the Commission, and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Mr J Noble  
Seconded: Mr K Sharkey

**2013/4/3 Matters arising**

**(i) Minutes of a meeting with Director of Food, Farm and Rural Policy Division**

The Chief Executive circulated minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2013 to the Board.

**(ii) Rural Development Programme**

The Chief Executive had investigated if LMC could apply for funding under the Rural Development Programme. He reported that LMC could not avail of the NI Regional Food Programme 2013-14 in the current year as applications were now closed. However LMC would keep it in mind for future new projects as appropriate under any new programme.

**(iii) World Police and Fire Games**

The Chief Executive advised that Food NI had not yet provided a robust proposal to bring to the Board.

**2013/4/4 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that although he had not attended any external meetings since the last Board meeting, he had been working closely with the Chief Executive in preparation for the meeting with the DARD Minister. *Withheld Commercially Sensitive.*

**2013/4/5 Chief Executive's Report**

**(i) Correspondence from Invest NI**

The Board discussed the recent correspondence received from Invest NI.

**Action Point:** The Board agreed that LMC should respond, clarifying the statutory guidelines under which LMC operates, its willingness to work with other bodies and the current position regarding the use of the Greenfields brand. The Chief Executive and Chairman will develop an agreed response.

**(ii) Draft LMC Governance Statement**

The Chief Executive had forwarded the draft statement to DARD for comment.

**Action Point:** The Board will review the statement and forward any comments to the Chief Executive in advance of the next Board meeting.

**(iii) GB /NI Price Differential Project – Verbal Update**

The Chief Executive updated the Board on progress of the Price Differential Project. *Withheld Commercially Sensitive.*

**Action Point:** The Board agreed that LMC will present the report at a high level press conference. The Board will get advance sight of the report in strictest confidence.

**(iv) Balmoral Show 15-17 May 2013**

The Chief Executive advised the Board on current preparations for the show.

**Action Point:** The Board agreed a rota for Board Member attendance on the LMC Balmoral Stand

Wednesday 15 May: P O'Neill AM  
I Mark PM  
Thursday 16 May: P O'Rourke AM  
K Sharkey PM  
Friday 17 May: M McCormack AM  
J Noble PM

(v) **Discussion of Board Input into Current Consultation Exercises**

*DARD HQ Relocation*

**Action Point:** LMC will provide a brief response limited to future logistics of engagement with DARD.

*NI Climate Change Bill*

**Action Point:** The Chief Executive will draft a response in consultation with the Chairman. LMC does not support the introduction of regional legislation on top of the UK Climate Change Act and is therefore not in favour of a separate NI Climate Change Bill as proposed by the DoE.

*Local Government Pension Scheme (NI) 2014*

**Action Point:** LMC will provide a brief response welcoming the proposed developments detailed in the consultation document.

**2013/4/6 Business Monitor for Year End March 2013**

The Chief Executive highlighted the main activities undertaken during the year.

**Action Point:** The Board approved the Business Monitor for the year ended March 2013.

**2013/4/7 Quarterly Departmental Reports**

The quarterly departmental reports were noted by the Board.

**2013/4/8 Notes of Senior Management Team Meeting – 8 March 2013**

Noted.

**2013/4/9 Any Other Business**

None.

**2013/4/10      Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next Board Meeting would be held at 12 noon at Lissie House on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2013.