

MINUTES

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY AT 10.00AM AT LISSUE HOUSE

Present:

Mr P O'Rourke (Chairman)
Mr P O'Neill
Mr J McGaughey
Mr J Noble
Mr K Sharkey
Mr I Mark

In attendance:

Mr I Stevenson
Miss S Blain

Miss S Blain joined the meeting at 12 noon.

2012/1/1 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Mr I Mark to the Board.

2012/1/2 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Mrs M McCormack

2012/1/3 Minutes

The minutes of a meeting held on 20 December 2011, taken as read, were approved by the Commission and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Mr K Sharkey
Seconded: Mr J Noble

2012/1/4 Matters arising

(i) Remuneration Committee Recommendations

The Chief Executive updated the Board on discussions with DARD

(ii) CAP Reform Proposals Post 2013 – Draft Response

The Chief Executive advised the Board on verbal feedback from the stakeholder bodies regarding the draft LMC Response.

Action Point: The Board approved the draft response.

(iii) Board Meeting Dates

The Board agreed to change the date of the May Board Meeting to the 23rd of May 2012 to avoid a clash with Balmoral Show.

Action Point: The Board requested the Chief Executive to check on the requirements for the Board to meet each month.

2012/1/5 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported on meetings he had attended since the last Board Meeting, including a meeting with Diane Dodds MEP at Lissie House on 12 January 2012.

Robin Swan MLA had also corresponded with the Chairman to clarify matters regarding FQAS which were discussed during LMC's presentation to the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee at Stormont on 18 November 2011.

2012/1/6 Chief Executive's Report

(i) Correspondence Regarding Bulletin Placement & Draft LMC Response

Action Point: The Board approved the draft response.

(ii) Draft Strategic Plan 2012/15

The Chief Executive highlighted the main areas in the draft Strategic Plan to the Board.

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Action Point: The Board approved the Draft Strategic Plan.

(iii) Draft Business Plan 2012/13

Action Point: The Board approved the draft Business Plan. The Chief Executive will discuss the draft Business Plan with the main industry stakeholders and will submit it to DARD for comment and final approval.

2012/1/7 Any Other Business

(i) Russian Veterinary Inspection Visit to UK

The Chief Executive advised that LMC and Invest NI have agreed to split the costs of the NI part of the visit. LMC is also expected to contribute to some of the overall cost of the UK Inspection, e.g. Interpreters etc.

(ii) Audit Committee Chairman

Action Point: The appointment of an Audit Committee Chairman will be an agenda item at the next Board Meeting.

Mr P O'Neill left the meeting at 1.20pm

2012/1/8 LMC Brussels Update December 2011

The update was noted.

The Chief Executive advised that LMC was intending to publish this information on the LMC website in a user friendly manner.

Action Point: The Board suggested that the monthly updates could be enhanced by including links to stories/documents where appropriate. The Chief Executive is to discuss the issues with the Brussels Office

2012/1/9 Quarterly Reports

The reports were noted.

2012/1/10 Date of next meeting

It was confirmed that the date of the next meeting would be 15 February 2012 at 11.00am

The Meeting ended at 1.30pm