

MINUTES

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION HELD ON FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2015 AT 11.00AM AT LISSUE HOUSE

Present:

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

In attendance:

Mr I Stevenson
Miss S Blain

2015/2 /1 Apologies

No apologies had been received.

2015/2/2 Minutes

The minutes of a Meeting held on 28 January 2015, subject to an amendment, were approved by the Commission, and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Mr P O'Neill
Seconded: Mr I Mark

2015/2/3 Matters arising

(i) Beef Cattle Specification/LMC Protocol

The Chief Executive updated the Board on the recent launch of the GB Protocol, which is supported by both meat plants and producers.

(ii) NILGOSC Meeting

The Chief Executive reported on the meeting held on 10 February 2015 between LMC, DARD and NILGOSC.

(iii) DARD Request for Financial Assistance

LMC had received a request from DARD to provide funding for a trade mission to the Philippines.

Action Point: The Board agreed to provide funding for the visit to the Philippines. The Chief Executive will advise DARD, and also request a copy of the final report on the Philippines visit.

(iv) Red Meat Levy Bodies Group

The Chief Executive has been attending meetings of the Group, and outlined the main issue under discussion - the repatriation of statutory levies.

Action Point: The Board agreed to review any decision made by the mainland levy bodies to evaluate the impact on Northern Ireland.

(v) LMC Pay Remit 2014/15

The Chief Executive advised that the pay remit had been approved by DFP.

Withheld – Commercially Sensitive

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Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported on meetings he had attended since the last Board Meeting.

(i) Board Members Remuneration

Action Point: The Board agreed not to implement the proposed 1% increase for Board Members remuneration. The Chief Executive will advise DARD

(ii) Board Appointments

The Chairman had met with DARD Representatives to discuss new Board Appointments.

Action Point: The Board agreed to recommend that the number of members remains the same, and that a method to stagger Board Member retirement is developed.

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Chief Executive's Report

(i) NIFDA Awards Dinner – 20 March 2015

The Chief Executive informed the Board that LMC was sponsoring the beef for the main course.

Action Point: Individual Board Members advised the Chief Executive if they were able to attend the awards dinner.

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(ii) Interview Panel for Economist Recruitment Process

Action Point: The interview panel will consist of the Chairman, the Chief Executive, and the Audit Committee Chairman.

(iii) List of Fixed Assets for Disposal

Action Point: The Board approved the list of fixed assets for disposal.

2015/2/6 Consideration of Draft LMC Business Plan 2015-2016

The draft plan had been circulated to the Board. The Chief Executive highlighted the main points in the plan.

Action Point: The Board approved the draft Business Plan. The Chief Executive will submit the plan to DARD for approval.

2015/2/7 LMC Audit & Risk Assurance Committee Meeting – 27 February 2015; Verbal Update

The Audit Committee Chairman gave a verbal update on the recent meeting of the Audit & Risk Assurance Committee.

Internal Audit

Action Point: The Board agreed to adopt Internal Audit Recommendation, to have risk management as a standing agenda item at LMC Board Meetings.

2015/2/8 LMC Management Accounts to end of January 2015

Noted.

2015/2/9 LMC Disability Action Plan

Action Point: The Board approved the LMC Disability Action Plan.

2015/2/10 Senior Management Team Meeting Minutes – 15 December 2014.

Noted.

2015/2/11 Any Other Business

No items were notified in advance by Board Members.

2015/2/12 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Board Meeting would be held at 10.00am at Lissie House on Wednesday 25th March 2015.