

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION HELD ON WEDNESDAY
2ND DECEMBER 2015 AT 10.00AM AT RAMADA HOTEL, SHAW'S BRIDGE.**

Present:

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

In attendance:

Mr I Stevenson
Miss S Blain

Mr Colin Smith, Industry Development Manager, joined the meeting at 10.00am.

2015/11/1 Apologies and Welcome

No apologies had been received.

2015/11/2 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.

2015/11/3 Consideration of Strategic Priorities for LMC Strategic Plan 2016-19 and Business Plan 2016-17

The Chief Executive gave an overview of LMC's current activities and new developments which may impact the Strategic and Business Plans. The Chairman invited each Board Member to give their perspective on the future direction of LMC's priorities.

The Board discussed a number of subjects in depth. These included:

- Communicating with LMC stakeholders
- Pro-actively engaging with DARD, Invest NI and AFSB
- Opening access to export markets
- Facilitating engagement between producers and processors on current and future product specifications
- Developing a promotional programme for the month of meat during Year of Food and Drink 2016
- Future of Farm Quality Assurance scheme
- Informing and educating stakeholders on the impact of climate change and the wider sustainability agenda.

Action Point: Following the Board discussions, the Chief Executive and Senior Management Team will develop a draft Strategic and Business Plan for the next Board meeting.

Mr Colin Smith left the meeting at 12.45pm.

2015/11/4 Minutes

The minutes of a meeting, held on 23rd November 2015, were approved by the Commission, and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Mr H Sinclair
Seconded: Mrs O Chesney

2015/11/5 Matters arising

(i) UK Nuffield Scholars Conference

The Board commented on the excellent conference held in Belfast by the Nuffield Foundation. LMC had provided sponsorship for the event.

(ii) Meeting to be held between LMC and the DARD Departmental Board.

The Chief Executive advised that a date for the meeting had yet to be agreed.

2015/11/6 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Action Point: Board members should return completed forms to the Chief Executive before or at the next Board meeting. If members have any queries they should refer them to the Chairman or Chief Executive.

2015/11/7 Updated Board Terms of Reference for Review/Approval

Action Point: The Board will consider the updated terms of reference at the next Board meeting.

2015/11/8 Consideration of Appointments to Remuneration Committee

Mrs O Chesney and Mr G Maguire indicated they were willing to serve on the Remuneration committee.

Action Point: The Board approved the appointments to the Remuneration committee.

2015/11/9 Updated LMC Risk Management Strategy for Review/Approval

Action Point: The Board approved the LMC Risk Management Strategy.

2015/11/10 Revised LMC Risk Register for Review/Approval

Action Point: The Board approved the LMC Risk Register.

2015/11/11 Schedule of Board Meetings for 2016 to Consider

A draft schedule had been circulated to the Board.

Action Point: The Board agreed the schedule with a couple of amendments.

2015/11/12 Any Other Business

(i) Meeting with UFU Beef and Sheep Committee

The Chief Executive advised Board members that they had been invited to meet the UFU Beef and Sheep Committee on 26 January 2016 at 8pm.

Action Point: Board members were asked to advise the Chief Executive if they would be able to attend the meeting.

2015/11/13 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Board Meeting would be held at 10.00am on Monday 25th January 2016 at Lissie House.

The Meeting ended at 1.15pm