

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION HELD ON MONDAY 27TH
JUNE 2016 AT 10.30AM AT EUROPA HOTEL, BELFAST.**

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

2016/7/1 Apologies

None.

2016/7/2 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.

2016/7/3 Matters arising

(i) Brexit Referendum

The Board discussed the recent referendum result for the UK to leave the European Union. The implications regarding farming support, foreign investment, opening of new markets and movement of labour force are among the unknowns which will face the red meat industry.

(ii) Launch Event for LMC Advertising Campaign 2016.

The Chief Executive advised that the Minister would be attending today's launch in Deane's Restaurant, Howard Street. The Board welcomed the Minister's support for the event.

Action Point: The Board agreed to request a formal meeting with the Minister at the earliest opportunity.

2016/7/4 Chief Executive's Report

(i) Update on LMC Business Operations

The Chief Executive advised that all LMC and NIFCC staff had now returned to work at the Greenmount site. A temporary server has been installed and all data had been recovered from the backup tapes. All LMC services were up and running, with some limitations. The Chief Executive

recorded his appreciation to Greenmount staff for their warm welcome and willingness to help.

(ii) *Withheld – commercially sensitive*

(iii) Bank Indemnity Form

Action Point: The Board approved an Ulster Bank indemnity for the deposit of third party payee cheques. The Chairman signed the indemnity form.

2016/7/5 Market Access to United States of America

The Chief Executive advised the Board that NIMEA had approached LMC to fund the prevalence testing of samples for e-coli. This is part of the process to gain access to the American market. AHDB has agreed to fund the testing on the GB mainland. The Chief Executive estimated the maximum funding required would be £10k. NIMEA also requested that LMC sign a confidentiality agreement.

Action Point: The Board agreed that LMC would fund the sample testing and sign a confidentiality agreement. The Chief Executive will ensure that LMC will be advised of the results of the sample testing.

2016/7/6 Sial 2016 - LMC Event

The Chief Executive updated the Board on arrangements for the LMC/Invest NI event at Sial 2016.

Action Point: The Chief Executive will liaise closely with Invest NI. Information will be circulated to NI red meat processors and invitations issued to the event before end of June 2016.

2016/7/7 Any Other Business

None

2016/7/8 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Board meeting would be held at 10.00am on Monday 25th 2016 at Premier Inn, Lisburn.

Meeting ended at 12.20pm and the Board left to attend launch of LMC's advertising campaign at Deane's Restaurant, Howard Street.