



Meeting: Finance Working Group – Meeting 1
Date: 4 March 2021
Time: 11:00-13:00
Location: Virtual Meeting

Attendees

Chairs:

Gerry Kiely, Chair TB Finance Working Group, Michael Cronin, Chair TB Stakeholder Forum;

Farming Organisations:

Lorcan McCabe, ICMSA; Paul Smyth, ICMSA; Hugh Farrell, ICSA; Eddie Punch, ICSA; Pat Farrell, IFA; TJ Maher, IFA; Tomás Bourke, IFA; Tadhg Buckley, IFA

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine:

Colm Forde, Frances MacAodhain, Sharon Walshe

Minutes

Item	Minutes
Introduction by Chairman Gerry Kiely	Gerry Kiely (GK) opened the meeting by going through the terms of reference for the group and the national situation with TB which requires immediate action.
Presentation on the Review of the On Farm Market Valuation Scheme	Mr Fearghal O'hAodha (FO) gave a presentation on behalf of Grant Thornton on their review of the On Farm Market Valuation Scheme explaining the methodology, the stakeholder engagement and the recommendations.  TB Stakeholder Forum GT Presentatic
Presentation on Progress on OFMV Review Recommendations	Frances MacAodhain (FM) gave a presentation on progress to date in implementing recommendations. Progress has been made on recommendations 1 (PVPs passing on personal information), 2 (online submission of paperwork) 6 (automated transfer of mart sales data) and 13 (improving communications). The presentation concluded with proposed ways forward on recommendations 3 (automated valuations) and recommendations 14 and 15 (Valuer Code of Practice). Proposal on recommendation 3 involves the use of informed averages in relation to daily gains and quality scores. Automated valuation identified as a priority on the basis of its potential to significantly reduce reactor removal times. Proposal on recommendations 14 and 15 involves maintaining the current standard but replacing penalty point system with an independent panel.

	 <p>OFMV Review - Progress and next steps</p> <p>Farm bodies highlighted potential methodology concerns with deriving an automated valuation. It was also suggested that recommendations related to quality scores should be prioritised before implementation of other recommendations are progressed.</p> <p>DAFM confirmed that farmers would have a right to accept or reject an automated valuation.</p> <p>GK recommended that these issues should be progressed in a technical working group reporting to this Finance working group. Stakeholders' views should also be sought on how communications should be improved. Representatives from DAFM and the farmer representative groups agreed with this suggestion.</p>
Workplan and Discussion	<p>FM gave a presentation on a proposed workplan for the group. The plan is a draft and subject to stakeholder views.</p>  <p>Workplan presentation.pdf</p> <p>The group decided that the Finance Group should meet monthly in line with the implementation group. The scheduling of meetings should take account of Animal Health Ireland meetings. The work of the Finance Group should dovetail with the work of the implementation group. DAFM agreed to develop a master calendar of all TB Forum working groups to facilitate a cohesive approach.</p>

Action Points

1	<p>DAFM stated that they would send an email to all members circulating the presentations, the minutes and seeking their views on the workplan, key early objectives and how technical working groups might work.</p>
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