

Terms of Reference for the High Level Implementation Committee Food Vision 2030

Background

The Government Decision of 21 July 2021 states, *"the Minister will establish and chair a high-level committee to progress the actions in the Strategy in order to achieve its vision that Ireland will become a world leader in Sustainable Food Systems and its four missions:*

- (a) Viable and Resilient Primary Producers with Enhanced Well-Being;*
- (b) Food that is safe, nutritious and appealing: trusted and valued at home and abroad;*
- (c) A Climate Smart, Environmentally Sustainable Agri-Food Sector; and*
- (d) An Innovative, Competitive and Resilient Agri-Food Sector, driven by Technology and Talent".*

Food Vision 2030 was launched by the Government on 3 August. The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine has now established a High Level Implementation Committee (HLIC) in line with the Government Decision.

Objectives

The High Level Implementation Committee will be responsible for monitoring implementation of Food Vision 2030 and its key tasks will be to:

- a) Progress the delivery of the four Missions. This will be achieved by driving delivery of the implementation plan and monitoring the key high-level indicators.
- b) Consider each Mission at least once annually and focus on particular issues or priorities in the agri-food sector. In this context, the HLIC may select priority actions for delivery.
- c) Review the annual report of the Environmental Working Sub-Group.
- d) Engage with all the key stakeholders on a regular, planned basis, including through stakeholder dialogues and engagement with the sectoral stakeholder groups
- e) Communicate the work of the HLIC in progressing implementation, including the publication of an annual review. In the context of this Review and the work of the HLIC generally, the missions, goals and actions should be kept under review in light of changing circumstances within the sector or the evolving policy environment.

As per the Government decision, the Strategy should not be seen as a final or definitive roadmap. It is a framework within which more detailed plans and processes will need to be developed.

The Environmental Working Sub-Group should meet regularly and is responsible for the annual report to HLIC. This annual report should review progress towards achieving the Strategy's high-level environmental goals and actions, considering any significant environmental effects arising, including Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) monitoring of Food Vision, and proposing potential remedial measures which will be put in place should negative environmental trends be identified as a direct result of implementation of the Strategy.

The Minister may establish other Working Groups as required on specific sectors or issues, which will report to the HLIC.

Meetings

The Committee will meet at least quarterly to drive delivery of priority actions and to monitor progress across the four missions. However, the frequency of meetings is subject to change depending on issues arising. The Committee will meet and take submissions from stakeholders, as required.

Membership of the Committee

The composition of the Committee is as follows:

- **Chair:** Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.
- **DAFM** – Secretary General and relevant Management Board (MB) members (Assistant Secretary General level).
- **CEOs of State Agencies** - Teagasc, Bord Bia, Bord Iascaigh Mhara, Enterprise Ireland, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Food Safety Authority of Ireland. Other agencies, such as the Health and Safety Authority, will also be invited, as required.
- **Senior Officials (Assistant Secretary General level) from Other Government Departments** including – Enterprise, Trade and Employment; Environment, Climate and Communications; Public Expenditure and Reform; Other Departments, including Health, Housing, Local Government and Heritage and Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science will also be invited to attend, as required.
- **Secretariat** – Economics and Planning Division, DAFM.

Committee membership will be on an individual basis. If attendance is not possible, attendance by an alternate may be agreed in advance with the Secretariat.

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