

# **Report of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Food Vision 2030**

## **High Level Implementation Committee**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### **Attendance:**

**Minister** Charlie McConalogue

**State Agencies:** Professor Frank O'Mara; Teagasc, Laura Burke, EPA, John Murray, Bord Bia; Mark Christal, EI

**Other Government Departments:** John Conlon, DPER

**DAFM:** Brendan Gleeson, Secretary General; Sinéad McPhillips Assistant Secretary; Bill Callanan, Chief Inspector; Paul Savage, Assistant Secretary; John Clarke, Economics and Planning Division; Adam Houlihan, Economics and Planning Division.

**Secretariat:** Seán Bell, Wila Bruce

**Apologies:** Cecil Beamish, DAFM; Caroline Bocquel, BIM; Pauline Mulligan, DETE; Pamela Byrne, FSAI; Brian Carroll, DECC

### **1. Introduction**

Minister McConalogue began by acknowledging the contribution of Jim O'Toole in his role at Bord Iascaigh Mhara and looked forward to working with him in his new role as CEO of Bord Bia. The Minister also wished Caroline Bocquel, who will be acting as interim CEO of BIM well in her new role. The Minister also welcomed John Conlon, Assistant Secretary of the Climate Division in the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.

The minutes from the third meeting on 25 May 2022 were agreed.

The Minister updated the Committee on recent events and of note in terms of Food Vision goals since the last meeting including:

- The Taoiseach gave the keynote address to the Food Vision 2030 Event in Dublin Castle on 13<sup>th</sup> October.

- The Minister marked World Food Day on 16 October ahead of addressing the World Food Forum in Rome. The Minister also met with the Director-General of FAO, Dr Qu Dongyu, and held a bilateral meeting with the World Food Programme.
- The Minister travelled to Milan and held number of Bord Bia engagements with key Italian trade customers. In September, the Minister completed a successful trade mission to Japan and Singapore, with Minister Heydon continuing on to Vietnam. In July Minister Hackett led an Organic Trade Mission to Germany.
- Consultation on the National Forestry Strategy (2023-2030) and the next Forestry Programme, including the associated Strategic Environmental Assessment Report and Appropriate Assessment Natura Impact Statement, opened for six weeks
- Bioeconomy Ireland Week took place between 17 and 23 October. The theme for is 'All Voices Together', where a broad range of activities and events showcased how the natural environment can be utilised in a sustainable and circular way to help achieve a prosperous society for primary producers, industry, researchers, children and other citizens.
- International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste took place in September where the importance of tackling food waste and the benefits for the environment was addressed.
- The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine focused on farmer physical and mental health during Mental Health Week.
- In September, the Minister brought Ireland's approved CAP Strategic Plan (CSP) 2023-2027, worth almost €10 billion, to Cabinet for approval
- The Minister presented the final report of the Common Fisheries Policy Review Group to the Cabinet.
- The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Budget increased by 13%, with an overall gross Vote of €2.14 billion in the 2023 Estimates provided to support farmers, fishers, and rural and coastal communities, including a record €335 million allocation for seafood.
- At a very successful ploughing championships this year, the Minister announced a National Conference on Women in Agriculture, to be chaired by former Tánaiste and Minister for Agriculture, Mary Coughlan, will take place next year.

## **2. Food Vision Environmental Working Sub-Group – Annual Report**

Bill Callanan introduced the Year One Environmental Monitoring Assessment Report and provided an overview of the work of the Environmental Working Sub-Group. Maria Talbot presented on the draft report as follows:

- Environmental Working Sub-Group Role
- Overview of Work Undertaken
- Year One Main Findings
- Conclusions

## **3. Food Vision Dairy Group**

**Minister McConalogue** welcomed Gerry Boyle to the meeting and thanked him for his work and engagement in bringing stakeholders together to publish the Report of the Food Vision Dairy Group.

Professor Gerry Boyle presented on the Food Vision Dairy Group Report as follows

- Terms of Reference
- Sources of Emissions from the Agricultural Sector
- Climate Action Plan 2021 – Sectoral Reduction Targets
- Trends in Agriculture Emissions, By Gas 1990-2021
- Enteric Methane Emissions, 000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> eq
- Direct Impact Measures to Mitigate Greenhouse Gas Emissions from the Dairy Sector
- Enabling Factors to Support the Mitigation of Greenhouse Gas Emission from the Dairy Sector
- Enabling Actions outside of the Inventory
- Estimated GHG Reductions from Key Measures
- Stakeholders

A discussion on the report and next steps followed.

#### **4. Food Vision Beef and Sheepmeat Group**

Sinéad McPhillips gave a short update on the Food Vision Beef and Sheepmeat Group which will be discussed at the next HLIC in November.

#### **5. Date of Next Meeting and AOB**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 30 November.

**Food Vision 2030 Secretariat**

**November 2022**