

Report of the 5th Meeting of Food Vision 2030

High Level Implementation Committee

Wednesday 30th November 2022

Attendance:

Minister Charlie McConalogue

State Agencies: Professor Frank O'Mara, Teagasc; Jim O'Toole, Bord Bia, Caroline Bocquel, BIM; Alexa Toomey, EI

Other Government Departments: Marie Mulvihill, DPER; Phyllis Kelly, DETE

DAFM: Sinéad McPhillips, Assistant Secretary; Bill Callanan, Chief Inspector; Paul Savage, Assistant Secretary; Patrick Donohoe; John Clarke, Economics and Planning Division; Ian Fox, Economics and Planning Division; Adam Houlihan, Economics and Planning Division.

Secretariat: Seán Bell, Wila Bruce

Apologies: Leo Clancy, EI; Pauline Mulligan, DETE; Pamela Byrne, FSAI; Brian Carroll, DECC; Laura Burke, EPA; Brendan Gleeson, Secretary General; Cecil Beamish, DAFM.

Item 1: Introduction

The minutes from the fourth meeting on 26 October 2022 were agreed.

The Minister updated the Committee on recent events and of note in terms of Food Vision goals since the last meeting on 26 October including:

- Cabinet approved the Agricultural and Food Supply Chain Bill 2022 to establish a new statutory authority, the Agri-Food Regulator.
- The Malaysian market for Irish pigmeat exports was opened.
- Two new tillage research projects were announced during Science Week which will provide practical knowledge on how diversity can improve agricultural systems.
- The Department's Annual Review and Outlook was published. It underlines the critical importance of the agriculture, food and marine sectors to the overall national economy, with a record €15.4 billion worth of agri-food exports in 2021, accounting for 9.5% of total goods exported, including €5.1 billion in dairy exports, with both butter and cheese

exceeding €1 billion for the first time. There were 170,400 employed in the agri-food sector in 2021; 7.1% of total employment

- €1.3 billion in new Forestry Supports were announced.
- The Minister attended and addressed the OECD Ministers of Agriculture meeting in Paris to agree on solutions internationally for “Building Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems in a Changing Environment”, particularly in the context of growing global food insecurity exacerbated by the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Item 2: Food Vision Environmental Working Sub-Group Update

The Food Vision Environmental Working Sub-Group is a standing item on the HLIC agenda.

The monitoring and implementation process of Food Vision is key to ensuring delivery of the strategy and a key part of implementation of mission 1 is the work of this Group. Bill

Callanan updated the Committee on the work of the EWSG since the last meeting on 26 October.

Item 3: Food Vision Beef and Sheep Group

Minister McConalogue welcomed Professor Thia Hennessy to the meeting and thanked her for her work and engagement in bringing stakeholders together to discuss the Food Vision Beef and Sheep Group Report.

Professor Thia Hennessy presented as follows

- Terms of Reference
- Timeline and Format
- Climate Action Plan 2021 – Sectoral Reduction Targets
- Trends in Agriculture Emissions, By Gas 1990-2021
- Enteric Methane Emissions, 000 tonnes CO₂ eq
- Direct Impact Measures to Mitigate Greenhouse Gas Emissions from the Beef Sector
- Enabling Factors to Support the Mitigation of Greenhouse Gas Emission from the Beef Sector
- Enabling Actions outside of the Inventory
- Estimated GHG Reductions from Key Measures
- Stakeholders Views
- Conclusion

A discussion on the report and next steps followed. The Report will be published following the meeting.

Item 4: Teagasc National Farm Survey – 2021 Sustainability Report

Teagasc published the National Farm Survey (NFS) Sustainability Report 2021 in October, providing the latest available information on the sustainability performance of farms in Ireland, based on detailed analysis of data collected through the Teagasc National Farm Survey. It reports on economic, social, environmental and innovation sustainability dimensions across farms, so aligns very well with Food Vision.

Cathal Buckley, Teagasc gave a short presentation on the results of the Report as follows

- Data Source – National Farm Survey
- Profile of National Farm Survey Sample 2021
- Presentation of Results
- Economic Sustainability
- Economics Sustainability – Averages
- Distribution of Family Farm Income
- Social Sustainability
- Social Sustainability – Indicator Development in NFS
- Environmental Sustainability
- Overview of Environmental Indicators
- Dairy Based Ag. GHG Emissions – Components
- Trends in Farm and per hectare NH3 emissions
- Innovation
- Conclusion

A discussion on the report followed.

Item 5: National Conference on Women in Agriculture

Seán Bell gave an update on the National Conference on Women in Agriculture which will take place on 1 February and will be chaired by the former Minister for Agriculture Mary Coughlan.

Item 6: Update on Changing Research Landscape

Research and innovation is fundamental to achieving Food Vision ambitions. Mission 4, “An Innovative, Competitive and Resilient Agri-Food Sector, Driven by Technology and Talent”, enables the delivery of the other Missions in Food Vision.

Karl Walsh Head of Research Division, DAFM gave a presentation on the changing research landscape as follows:

- FV 2030 – Key Initiatives so far
- DAFM Research
- DAFM Thematic Call 2021
- Knowledge Transfer
- Ireland- New Zealand Joint Research Mechanism
- Ireland- New Zealand First Joint Call
- National Challenge Fund
- Other R & I Developments
- Impact 2030
- Collaboration for Transformative Research and Innovation
- Horizon Europe
- Next: An Agri-Food R&I Strategy
- FV2030 Mission 4 Goals 1 and 2:

A discussion on followed.

Item 7: AOB and Dates of 2023 Meetings

- **Food Vision Annual Report**

John Clarke, Economics and Planning Division gave a short update on Food Vision implementation including a summary of action progress and timelines for the first Annual Report.

- **Teagasc Climate Action Plan 2022**

Frank O'Mara, Teagasc updated the Committee on The Teagasc Climate Action Strategy 2022-2030 – 'Supporting Farmers for Climate Action' which will be launched on Thursday, 1 December.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 8 February 2023.

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