



Finance Working Group – Meeting 9  
10<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
11:00 – 13:00  
Virtual Meeting

### Attendees

**Chairs:**

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

**Farming Organisations:**

Paul Smyth, ICMSA; Hugh Farrell, ICSA; Eddie Punch, ICSA; TJ Maher, IFA; Anna Daly, IFA, John Keane, MACRA

**Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine:**

Conor O'Mahony, Aishling Cronin, Patricia Reilly, Gemma O'Malley

**Apologies:**

Tómas Bourke, IFA; Lorcan McCabe, ICMSA

### Minutes

Item	Minutes
Technical Working Group - Update	<p>The Department presented an update on Technical Working Group. The Valuer Code of Practice has been discussed. The penalty point system is to be abolished and the introduction of an independent panel will be introduced. There was a good discussion on the quality scoring and categorisation. Revised Valuer Guidelines to be circulated before the next meeting and any comments should be forwarded to Aishling Cronin.</p> <p><b>Farming body comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IFA to send in written amendments</li><li>• No objection to elements</li></ul> <p><b>DAFM comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DAFM to send out latest version of Code of Practice and Valuer Guidelines before next meeting.</li></ul>
TB Programme Funding	<p>The Department presented a recap on the TB Funding Programme. There are three issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Overall Cost of the TB Programme</li><li>2. Funding</li><li>3. Expenditure of different elements</li><li>4.</li></ol> <p>It was proposed to summarise the first five options (capped at one to two pages) for discussion at the next meeting and open the floor to views. The remaining options to be discussed at the following meeting and the shorter document discussed at the final meeting.</p> <p>The first five policies to be discussed are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Pre and Post movement testing</li><li>2. Movements into restricted herds</li><li>3. Inconclusives</li></ol>

4. Risk of recurrence herds
5. Reducing the risk posed by badgers

**Farming body comments:**

- In agreement, useful way of keeping on track. General consensus - happy to proceed.

**DAFM comments:**

- Suggestions welcome
- DAFM to assess costs and full model

**Chair comment**

- Work programme for next few meetings to be circulated
- Dates for next meetings are: 12<sup>th</sup> April (Tuesday instead of Holy Thursday), 12<sup>th</sup> May and 9<sup>th</sup> June.