



Iascach Intíre Éireann
Inland Fisheries Ireland

**Ministerial Appointee Meeting in performing the
Functions of Inland Fisheries Ireland under s.18(5) of
the Inland Fisheries Act 2010**

Meeting Report - 11 January 2024

This reports the last meeting of the s.18 Appointees which took place on 11th January 2024.

This report provides an outline of agenda items raised at this meeting.

NOTE OF: Written Decision Between Meetings – 20 December 2023

RESOLUTION: A proposal to reduce the number of Electric SUVs from 12 to 9 not exceeding a previously approved capital expenditure was approved by 'Written Decision Between Meetings', on 20 December 2023.

BOARD MEETING – 11 January, 2024

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA / CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES / ACTIONS / CORRESPONDENCE

1.1 Agenda

The agenda was adopted with no conflicts of interest declared. The confidential nature of matters to be raised was agreed.

1.2 s.18 Appointee Meeting Minutes – 15 December 2023

RESOLUTION: Approval of the Board meeting minutes of 15 December 2023 was agreed.

Matters Arising were taken under 13.

1.3 Status on Actions Arising and Resolutions – 15 December 2023

The actions arising and resolutions of the 15 December meeting were noted.

Correspondence

The letter from Galway City Council (GCC) was noted.

2. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION / DECISION

2.1 Draft Scheme of Delegation for Inland Fisheries Ireland

This paper was taken as read. Dr Tom Courtney and Daire McMullin of Arthur Cox LLP were admitted to the meeting via video conference. The Chair provided a brief summary of the actions taken and amendments applied to the scheme since the Audit & Risk meeting on 22 November. He confirmed that both the executive and s.18 Appointees were satisfied with the document as presented. It was confirmed that changes to delegations shall be made by Board resolution or CEO delegation order, as appropriate, and those changes will then be reflected in the scheme. It was confirmed that delegation endures to positions until it is revoked by delegation order. He also confirmed that management re-structure resulting in function transfer must be provided for in a new delegation order made by the CEO. In response to a query, The s.18 Appointees accepted and endorsed the draft Scheme of Delegation for Inland Fisheries Ireland as proposed by the executive. The s.18 Appointees noted the necessity to resolve the amendments to the 'Matters Reserved to the IFI Board' as set out in section 2 of the scheme, and to also resolve to confer functions on the CEO which have not already been conferred.

RESOLUTION: 1.1 Approval of the authority to establish committees pursuant to Section 21(1) of the Inland Fisheries Act 2010 (the "Act") be reserved to the Board, and "Matters for Decision of the Board" modified to reflect this reservation.

1.2 Approval without prejudice to all existing delegations to the Chief Executive, particularly the delegation dated 8 June 2023, the delegation of all functions of IFI to the Chief Executive, except those specified in the document titled "Matters for Decision of the Board."

2.2 C&AG Management Letter 2022

The Financial Controller presented the 2022 Management Letter. Confirmations were provided by the executive in response to queries raised. The s.18 Appointees noted that there was a clean audit certificate issued for the 2022 Financial Statements.

2.3 EY Governance Review Report

The meeting Chair provided an outline of the progress made by EY on formulating a draft action plan arising from the IFI Governance Review. He briefed the executive generally on the necessary

governance structures required to deliver the recommendations. The s.18 Appointees indicated that following the cessation of their term as s.18 Appointees (15 January), they would continue working with IFI and anticipated that the form of relationship would be clarified in due course.

2.4 To consider Draft Letter to DECC from the Chairperson of the National Inland Fisheries Forum

The Chairperson of the National Inland Fisheries Forum (NIFF) provided the S.18 Appointees with a draft cover letter to a submission '4.9.1 Proposal from National Inlands Fisheries Forum to DECC'. The S.18 Appointees acknowledged the independence of the Forum and noted the content of the letter and requested that it be copied to IFI when it is being sent.

3. AOB

It was agreed for the s.18 Appointees and CEO to re-convene on 15 January to consider the minutes of this meeting.