

**SUMMARY OF THE CEREALS & OILSEEDS SECTOR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 18TH JANUARY 2022 AT 8.30 A.M.**

VIRTUAL MEETING

PRESENT:

Sarah Bell (Chairman) (SB), David Bell (DB), Tony Bell (TB), Stephen Briggs (SBs), Iain Davies (ID), Howard Leland (HL), Russ McKenzie (RM), James Standen (JS), Patrick Stephenson (PS), David Walston (DW), Mark Wood (MW)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ken Boyns (KB), David Eudall (DE), Darren Sharp (DS) (for specific item), Jon Foot (JF) (for specific item), Chris Gooderham (CG) (for specific item), Tim Rycroft (TR) (for specific item), Roseanne Thomas (RT) (for specific item), Jenna Watts (JW) (for specific item), Caroline Burniston (CB) (notes)

CHAIR WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
SB welcomed the Board members to the meeting and gave an overview of the agenda.
APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Jane Biss (JB) confirmed as an apology.
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
SB requested a round robin of any declarations. Key submissions as follows: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JS – part of a project funded by AHDB & BBSRC on the challenges and barriers to Regenerative Farming in the North East. • DB – NFUS role with Scottish Quality Crops.
MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4TH NOVEMBER/23RD NOVEMBER 2022
The Council agreed the minutes from the previous meetings held on the 4 th and 23 rd November as a true record and were signed off by the Chairman.
MATTERS ARISING AND ACTION POINTS FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4TH NOVEMBER 2022 – KEN BOYNS
KB updated on all outstanding matters with no queries.
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
SB updated the team on activity, confirming the success of the Agronomist Conference extending thanks to the events and KE team. Levy Payer feedback was varied and contrasting. Council members were asked to keep collecting feedback to define the council's direction. Grain Passport scheme moved forward significantly in the last three months along



with Farming Rules for Water likely to be a consistent piece of work with us over the next 12 months (on agenda)

LEVY PAYER FEEDBACK FROM THE SECTOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

Addressed in the Chairman's report

SECTOR DIRECTOR'S REPORT INCLUDING UPDATE ON DELIVERY AND STAFFING

KB and DE updated on the SD report and delivered a presentation to support the item paying particular attention to the delivery for Levy Payers. KB confirmed the KPI dashboard would be updated by workstream targets in future. SBs stated the importance of Environment and how it will be a key part of what we are trying to achieve

DE gave an update on discussions around farm assurances for cereals and oilseeds. Meetings with a group of farmers to discuss imports and to provide information. Further meeting agreed for 19th January. Updates will be given following this meeting.

TR and SBs left the meeting at 10.10am

C&O MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS / LEVY UPDATE AND DEBTORS AGE ANALYSIS/ LEVY RATES 2022/23

KB updated on the three documents confirming a reforecast was currently underway. The members agreed that the accounts meet their needs.

KPI's - KEN BOYNS

KB reported on the KPI's. Targets will be updated and based on what is in the workstreams for 22/23.

DATA – NEW DIRECTION - DARREN SHARP

DS introduced himself to the team and delivered a detailed presentation, confirmation that in 2/3 months a clear view on which areas of work and the benefits associated could be established.

DIGITAL PASSPORT - DAVID EUDALL

DE updated the members on the history to the project and the current situation along with a meeting overview and the timelines associated.

APHID PILOT PROJECT (APPRVAL REQUESTED) – JENNA WATTS

JW discussed with the Council the costs and scope of the project and when the benefits would be evident.

WORKSTREAM SIGN OFF – KEN BOYNS

KB confirmed that feedback had been taken on and each of the workstreams had multiple activities to deliver the aim and target with cost effectiveness reviewed.

SHAPE THE FUTURE VOTE UPDATE – ROSEANNE THOMAS/CHRIS GOODERHAM

RT updated the Council with an informative presentation on Shape the Future. Confirmation that the KE teams are raising the profile to register at farm events.

FARMING RULES FOR WATER – JON FOOT

The Council received an update on the latest position and the work AHDB is doing in association with industry colleagues such as the NFU to establish a risk-based approach. It is hoped that this will lead to more flexibility for spreading to be agreed with Defra and the Environment Agency.



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Meeting closed at 1.10pm

Date of next meeting: - 8th March 2022

