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MEETING TITLE	NAP 4 Review Working Group
DIVISION/BRANCH REFERENCE	EFB / NEPD with WMU and CAFRE
VENUE	MS TEAMS
DATE/TIME	24/1/2024 at 14.00 – 16.30
LIST OF ATTENDEES	[REDACTED] (Chair); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] (minutes); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED];
APOLOGIES	[REDACTED]
KEY POINTS DISCUSSED	<p>1. Welcome, Minutes & Actions</p> <p>Minutes from the meeting on 10/01/2024 were agreed.</p> <p>AP 1 & 2 – ongoing (see action points 1 and 2 below)</p> <p>AP 3,4 & 5: These actions from previous meeting have been completed.</p> <p>2. DSD representative – outline of process and timelines for developing new IT functions.</p> <p>Discussed a replacement for current derogation system which would be handled by the DSD portfolio management team. Due to several changes on different timescales outlined the potential need to stagger these changes.</p> <p>DAFM's fertiliser database(FDB) could be a useful resource to learn from if we are to develop our own FDB. Emphasised importance of the system's ability to communicate with the Republic of Ireland's database.</p> <p>Discussed whether the CAFRE calculators would be an advisory tool or become integral to compliance.</p> <p>Concerns over GDPR and data sharing issues that could arise from a system that can communicate. Potential need for a Data Protection impact assessment.</p> <p>Agreed that [REDACTED] would go ahead with the draft of the initial DSD Business case and forward to [REDACTED] as initial contact to instigate the DSD Process; Likely that this will move to Delivery as the system design commences.</p>



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3. Greater use of data for control/verification of 170kg N limit, manure exports, digestate via enhanced IT system.

Using data currently available a calculation of stock number and land area will point to farms that may need inspection.

Focus on 170kg limit and P surplus - these 2 key areas will create awareness and encourage compliance.

Work has been started looking at data sources and requirements which has been sent to the Agri-Board for FSS Controls. Discussion around how this information and data could be automated.

Agreed to look at what data requirements there are and how this could be used especially to identify areas of risk. [REDACTED] will circulate a diagram related to data sources.

4. Update on SEA/HRA procurement and FSS

SEA/HRA: Tender has closed with two applications received. Review of applications to be completed, aim to appoint a contractor by early February.

FSS: To note that the new standards don't include land that is only silage. No further consultation is expected on the FSS, working group is aware that any changes to NAP will need to be fed into the new standards. Next meeting of the FSS is 02.02.24 at AFBI Hillsborough.

5. Consideration of WMU list of proposed changes to existing measures

WG discussed further items on the WMU spreadsheet – comments on this spreadsheet have been updated separately.

6. Fencing of watercourses to prevent livestock access and bank erosion – through FSS or NAP?

Discussed making fencing of watercourses part of NAP.

Changes in land eligibility should make this easier.

7. Issues to discuss with DAFM at meeting Thursday 25/1/24.

The following items were noted to take forward to the next meeting:

Current Derogation
Fertiliser database
Spreading distances
Fencing – Bovine Exclusion



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8. AOB:

Upcoming meetings are:

SWG – 26.01.24

PMB – 05.02.24

SEA / HRA WG – will start once contract is awarded

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 7th February 2024

ACTION POINTS/OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE/TARGET DATE:

Action point 1: [REDACTED] to look at the legislative powers to enforce breaches within the NAP Regulations

Action point 2: [REDACTED] to set up a meeting with AD Policy and get a point of contact for AD regulations.

Action point 3: [REDACTED] to send DSD initial business case to Brian for consideration and sign off.

Action Point 4: [REDACTED] to share data input requirements – this is to be considered by this group and further input included

Update: saved in CM and email circulated 25.01.24 for comment

Action Point 5 : [REDACTED] to look at information on LESSE and does this need further clarification.

Action Point 7: [REDACTED] to circulate [REDACTED] email on rainfall data for information to wider group.

Action Point 8: [REDACTED] to raise with the SWG – is the current definition of heavy rain i.e. 4mm of rainfall, still valid.

Minutes written by:

[REDACTED]

Date:

2.2.2024