

Date: Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 2pm

Venue: via WebEx Video Conference

## Water Framework Directive Meeting of the Water Policy Advisory Committee

### Briefing Note

#	Agenda Item
	<p><b>Introductions</b> List of confirmed attendees attached.</p>
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Actions / Minutes from previous meeting</b> Copy of the minutes from the previous meeting (9 November 2021) have been circulated to the group and are attached for information. Actions from this meeting include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation on the Water and Planning Guidance for Local Authorities to be given by DHLGH at the next meeting. <b>(On agenda)</b></li><li>• DHLGH to provide written updates on the implementation of measures in the second-cycle plan to the group in future as required (e.g. the Shannon Fish Passage Scheme, Water of Life Project). <b>(To issue with presentations etc after the meeting)</b></li><li>• Irish Water to provide a written update on the projects outlined in the second-cycle RBMP for circulation to the group. <b>(Completed)</b></li><li>• DHLGH to ensure the area of nature-based solutions is considered in the development of local catchment plans. <b>(Development of plans is ongoing)</b></li><li>• Interactive flyer providing a summary of the draft RBMP and the consultation process to be circulated to the group by DHLGH for onward transmission to relevant staff / stakeholders. <b>(Completed)</b></li><li>• Any feedback from the group on the issues to be discussed at the National Stakeholder Event in January will be welcomed. <b>(Completed)</b></li></ul>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Updates from WPAC members on Key Issues</b> Standing agenda item. Members (including DHLGH) to be invited to provide any relevant updates to the committee.</p> <p>While this item is normally taken towards the end of the meeting, we have brought it forward as RPS are not available to attend for the presentation on the Water and Planning Guidance until after 3pm.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Agricultural Pressures</b></p> <p><b>3.1 Nitrates Action Programme</b> DHGLH (Marie Archbold) to provide an update on the new Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Waters (GAP) Regulations and the content of the Fifth Nitrates Action Programme.</p>

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	<p><b>3.2 Observations on GAP Regs compliance and good practice</b>            LAWPRO (Fran Igoe) will present examples of poor farm practices that were highlighted through the Regional Operational Committees and the need for a more day to day focus on managing risk to water quality in all farm activities.</p>
4	<p><b>Presentation on the Water and Planning Guidance for Local Authorities</b>            An action agreed at the last meeting, DHLGH (Colin Byrne) will provide an overview of the draft guidelines for the incorporation of the WFD in the planning system, a copy of which was recently approved by the project steering group and will be published for public consultation later this year.</p> <p>RPS, who were contracted to develop the guidelines, will also provide a more detailed presentation on the content of the guidelines, including a case study on how they will work in practice.</p> <p>Eamonn Kelly and Declan Grehan from the EU and International Planning Regulation section will also be in attendance to address any questions on the underpinning legislation.</p>
5	<p><b>AOB</b></p>
6	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Suggest, <b>Thursday, 30 June 2022</b> for the next meeting.</p>