

4. non-public/public ratio attendees	9 non-public : 6 public
% ratio non-public/public attendees	60% non-public: 40% public

1. Confirmation of Quorum: Having reviewed the attendance record, Chief Officer D. Tuohy confirmed that a quorum was achieved. Non-public 9: Public 6; 15 members in attendance.
Deputy Chair Lola O’Sullivan opened the meeting.

2. Apologies: As per table above, apologies were noted.

3. Conflict of Interest:

- (i) WLP C.E.O Mr. Jimmy Taaffe declared a conflict of interest on item 7.b.
- (ii) Review of Quorum. Chief Officer D Tuohy confirmed that the quorum remains valid.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of LAG Meeting held on April 8th 2021.

Proposed: G. Foley	Seconded by S. Cooke
Abstentions: None	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

5. Matters arising: None.

6. Circulars:

- i) Circular 04-2021

Chief Officer D Tuohy outlined the provisions of Circular 04 2021.

7. Rural Development Programme.

(a) Project approvals: None

(b) For Approval:

WLP invoice for Q2 2021 €90,309.70 submitted to LAG seeking approval for payment.

Proposed: S. Cooke	Seconded by: J. Beresford
Abstentions: J Taaffe	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

(c). For Approval: Transitional Leader Programme and Budget Outline

WLP C.E.O. Mr. Jimmy Taaffe gave an overview of the transitional Leader programme and outlined a proposed budget with a view to using funds based on current LDS and gradually shifting to the new LDS. A greater rate of aid was highlighted as a key feature. J Beresford queried the rigidity of the framework on projects with 'eco/green themes, J Taaffe advised that the rules were quite strict. R Walsh noted that many funding regimes now require that training elements are included. J Taaffe advised that training programmes for East and West Waterford are being developed. It was noted that Dungarvan, Tramore and Portlaoise have yet to receive significant support from LEADER and a targeted call to these towns will issue soon. J Taaffe advised that these towns can apply under a variety of themes and there is a good focus on capital investment. Criteria around EURL funding will issue presently, it is expected that the guidelines will be quite strict and it may be necessary for the LAG to look at the specifics in detail when they become available.

Proposed: G. Foley	Seconded by: J. Beresford
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

(d). For Approval: Targeted Calls

WLP C.E.O. Mr. Jimmy Taaffe proposed three targeted calls for 2021; mid May, late August and late November.

Proposed: H. Kiely	Seconded by: B. Fell
Abstentions:	
Quorum achieved: Yes	APPROVED

(e). Our Rural Future: Rural Development Policy 2021 - 2025

J Codd gave a short presentation on 'Our Rural Future' Rural Development Policy 2021 – 2025 highlighting key actions from the nine areas of focus within the policy.

8. Correspondence:

Two items of correspondence were relayed to the committee; both being press releases from DRCD. €15 million is being made available for revitalising towns and villages whilst further details of the €70 million Transitional Leader Programme were also released.

9. A.O.B.

10. Date and venue of next meeting: 11.00am Thursday 10th June 2021, via videoconference.

Meeting Closed

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CHAIRPERSON DATE