

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND AUTHORITY FOR UTILITY REGULATION (THE 'AUTHORITY') HELD ON THURSDAY, 16 JANUARY 2020 IN QUEENS HOUSE AT 11.00 AM.**

**Present:**

Bill Emery (Chairman), Jenny Pyper (Chief Executive), Jon Carlton, Alex Wiseman, Teresa Perchard, David de Casseres, Claire Williams

**In attendance:**

SMT - Kevin Shiels, Colin Broomfield, Roisin McLaughlin, John Mills, Elaine Cassidy, Greg Irwin

Samantha Young, Martina McKinley (agenda item 5)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 None.

1.2 The board convened to consider two items prior to a board advisory forum meeting.

**2. FIRE DRILL**

2.1 The board was informed of the evacuation procedures which apply in the event of a fire.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

3.1 None.

**4. STATUS OF LANDBANK LANDS AT KILROOT**

4.1 Roisin McLaughlin introduced this item which sought the board's decision on the extent of the Landbank at Kilroot and to confirm the status of the foreshore lands as part of the Landbank. Both the map contained within Schedule 3 of the NIE Distribution licence and a further map provided by NIE Networks (along with an electronic version of the latter) was also provided for inspection and examination by the board.

4.2 Board member queries in respect of the detail of the maps were clarified. A query on the map in the current NIE Distribution licence was also addressed. A wider question on engagement with stakeholders on the Landbank lands at Kilroot was briefly discussed.

4.3 Having examined all of the maps provided the board confirmed that the lands shown within the area bordered on the map contained within Schedule 3 of the NIE Distribution licence (the Licence), represent part of the "land bank" as defined in Condition 1 of the Licence.

**5. MID YEAR REVIEW OF RISK AND REVISED RISK REGISTER**

5.1 Donald Henry introduced this item which presented an updated corporate risk register, incorporating the outcome of the mid-year review of risk. An updated version of the risk appetite table, for inclusion in the revised risk management strategy, was also provided for consideration by the board.

5.2 The board discussed the updated corporate risk register. The inclusion of new and emerging risks was explored. Drafting suggestions for specific risks were provided by board members and the actions for addressing the risk were clarified. Finally the board also discussed the overall risk profile and the priority risks facing the organisation.

5.3 In considering the risk appetite table the board recognised progress that had been made on its further development. The risk appetite table, as presented, was therefore approved for inclusion in the revised risk strategy which will be implemented with effect from April 2020.

5.4 The board endorsed the revised corporate risk register subject to consideration of the suggestions provided and also approved the risk appetite table, as presented.

## **6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

6.1 Tanya Hedley provided an update on the proposed extension, by firmus energy, to the Ulster Farm By-Products site. It was noted that legal advice had been provided and the board was updated on the costs of the extension and the submission of a development plan.

6.2 Colin Broomfield briefed the board on the new date for the SEM T-4 Capacity Auction and the impacts and implications of the revised schedule.

6.3 The board discussed the restoration of the NI Assembly and the importance of engaging with the new administration, at the earliest opportunity, was endorsed. The Chairman indicated that he would be writing to relevant Ministers to seek an introductory meeting.

6.4 The board endorsed the appointment of Claire Williams as the decision maker in the AWFL and DWFL disputes.

6.5 It was agreed that the date of the April Board Advisory Forum be changed from the 15 April to 8 April and this would be notified to board and staff.

6.6 There being no other business, the board meeting concluded and a meeting of the board advisory forum was convened.