

Update to the Beef Taskforce May 2020

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Dear Beef Taskforce Member,

Following previous correspondence, in the context of the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis, it has not been possible to convene a meeting of the Beef Taskforce. While the way we live and do business has changed dramatically in the last few months, work on all the Taskforce actions continues in this new context. As advised previously I undertook to circulate a written update to the members of the Beef Taskforce.

In that regard, in order to keep all members abreast of the developments of the work of the Taskforce the following documents are included:

- Updated BTF progress report
- Progress report from Grant Thornton on the three transparency studies
- Market update from Bord Bia
- Update from DAFM on the current COVID-19 situation as it relates to the sector

I am aware that the priority for all over this last number of months has been to safeguard their health and in as far possible to maintain their operations in the context of the need for rapid adaptation in uncertainty. It is perhaps more important than ever that we continue to work together towards the development of a sector which is as robust as possible in the face of crises such as the one we currently find ourselves in.

While it is evident that the timelines for a number of the actions will need to be revised in the context of the ongoing crisis, it is essential that we continue to drive our collective efforts to work together to ensure that the sector develops in a sustainable robust way.

I hope you and your loved ones are all safe and well and I look forward to being able to convene a meeting of the Beef Taskforce as soon as is practical.

Sincerely

P.P. 

Michael Dowling

BTF Chair