

Action points/decisions from NIFF meeting via Teams held on the 19th May, 2020

1. Feedback from NIFF on the COVID-19 Temporary Tie-up scheme for approval from the EMFF Monitoring Committee

This meeting was called to allow NIFF members to give their feedback on the COVID-19 Temporary Tie-up scheme for approval from the EMFF Monitoring Committee and compile a response to the Committee. The NIFF chair started the discussion by reading out her draft reply to the EMFF Monitoring Committee to the NIFF members for their comment and input.

Action Point: Following a discussion on the scheme and a vote from the chairs/vice chairs of each RIFF the conclusion was that no RIFF supported the scheme as it stands for the following reasons:

- a. All NIFF members felt that this scheme was not fit for purpose and that it does not go far enough to alleviate the hardship that is occurring due to Covid-19.
- b. The NIFF believe that the figures used to estimate the payments in the scheme are not correct.
- c. The scheme cannot be done retrospectively
- d. There may be difficulties supplying sales notes

Following this meeting the NIFF secretary to liaise with the NIFF chair to finalise the response to include NIFF members comments and send onto the EMFF Monitoring Committee of the DAFM.