

Addendum

LA01/2016/0722/F Full Planning

Update

Additional Information submitted by agent on 25th April 2017

The additional information comprise the following items

- (1) Letter from a third party who confirms that he has let land from Ms Watson from 2004/05 until 2015 and continuously claimed single farm payment for that period.
- (2) Four receipts from Limavady Garden Services dated March and April 2010, July 2013 and March 2014 addressed to S Whiteside for draining, piping, stones, fencing and labour. The relevance of such receipts are questioned as they do not refer to the applicant Mr Watson or the address of the farm.
- (3) A receipt from Limavady Garden Services dated May 2016 addressed to Mr S Watson for Topping 10 acres of grass. There is no address recorded of where the work was carried out.
- (4) A qualification certificate for completing the Level II Agricultural Business Operations Course dated 28th March 2017 for Mr S Watson.
- (5) Documentation from DARD dated 2nd February 2016 advising that Mr Watson has been given a Category 1 DARD Business Number.
- (6) Invoice from Don Laughlin & Co Agricultural Merchants dated 13th May 2016 to Mr S Watson.
- (7) Invoice from R S Loughery Agri Contracting to Mr S Watson dated 23th August 2016 for round baling and wrapping 36 bales.
- (8) A copy of a sheep and goat movement book showing the movement of 10 animals on 25th Oct 2016 (copy previously submitted during processing of application).

The information provided does not add to the case covered in the original committee report. Instead the information reinforces the recommendation as set out previously. The receipts which are specific to Mr Watson, the certificates from DARD and flock movement details all relate to 2016 and 2017 and do not prove active farming over the required period of 6 years.

The letter provided from the third party confirms the fact that the third party leased the land since 2004/05 to 2015 and claimed single farm payment over that period. Under the circumstances the applicant does not qualify for consideration for agricultural development where the farm holding is being actively farmed by a third party over the required period.

This supports the recommendation as set out in the Committee Report.