

## **Minutes of Management Board Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

Attendance: Secretary General (Fergal Lynch), Bernie McNally, Michelle Shannon, Éimear Fisher and Dermot Ryan. Clare Rudden reporting.

### **1. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were agreed.

### **2. Matters Arising**

All matters arising were discussed as part of brief updates.

### **3. Brief Updates**

**BM** gave updates on: (i) Participation Hub [Contract], (ii) SONC Report, (iii) Roscommon Youth Project, (iv) 'Familibase' Ballyfermot [Meeting with Board], (v) School Completion Issues, (vi) Early Years Forum, (vii) Single Affordable Childcare Scheme, (viii) Meeting with IMPACT re childcare providers, (ix) Breaking Point Report, (x) Child-Minding Ireland [Meeting], and (xi) Mazars Report.

**EF** gave updates on: (i) GAL [Memo for Government], (ii) PAC in relation to GAL, (iii) Children First [IDG], (iv) Brexit conference, (v) Disability Protocol [Ministerial Meeting], and (vi) Care/Aftercare Query.

**DR** gave updates on: (i) Draft Tusla Business Plan, (ii) Risk Committee [Meeting 11 Jan], (iii) Unaccompanied Minors [Greece/Calais], (iv) Health Screening/Flu Vaccine, (v) Expenditure Profiling [Meeting with DPER], (vi) Meeting with OPW [Miesian Plaza], and (vii) Meeting with Tusla CEO [Organisational Structure].

**MS** gave updates on: (i) AAI [Meeting and Issues Arising], (ii) Commission of Investigation [Mother and Baby Homes], (iii) Judicial Review Cases, (iv) Suspended Sentences, (v) Oberstown [Buildings], and (vi) Bail Supervision Scheme.

### **4. Adoption Information and Tracing**

Noreen Leahy and Anne-Marie Kilkenny attended the meeting for this item and NL presented on the slides supplied in advance of the meeting. NL advised the MB that a 6 month awareness campaign will be launched by Tusla on commencement of the Act. Under the Act Tusla will provide information and tracing services and support to applicants. They will also have responsibility for maintaining the register. Adoption records will be the responsibility of the AAI. A discussion was held on the number of people who are likely to use the new legislation and the resources which will be needed to support the provisions of the Bill. FL thanked NL, AMK and the team for their work to date on this complex issue.

### **5. For Noting**

- (i) Government Memos Report – To be updated by MS
- (ii) Communications – The next DCYA Oral PQ date will be 14 February.

## **6. AOB**

- The MB are meeting with the Minister on 18 Jan. FL asked MB members to document priorities within their respective areas for this meeting. Dates will be scheduled for future meetings throughout the year.
- FL asked CR to send significant Ministerial briefing material to him.
- It was agreed to ensure that the press office gets advance notice of any press releases being issued by the Department.
- FL asked CR to schedule strategic issues for discussion at upcoming MB meetings.

## **7. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 2:30pm.