

Minutes of Management Board Meeting held on 9th 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 19th December 2016 were agreed.

2. Matters Arising

All matters arising were discussed as part of brief updates.

3. Brief Updates

BM gave updates on: (i) Single Affordable Childcare Scheme, (ii) Mazars Report, (iii) Early Years Strategy, (iv) Meeting with IMPACT re childcare providers, (v) Tusla Early Years Inspectorate [Annual Report], (vi) 'Familibase' Ballyfermot, (vii) Goal Project [CES], (viii) School Completion Issues, (ix) Children First, and (x) Data and Research Strategy [Publication of Interim Report].

EF gave updates on: (i) PAC in relation to GAL, (ii) GAL [Heads of Bill], (iii) Correspondence from DJE re forced marriages, (iv) Children First IDG, (v) Child Safety Statement [Children First Act], and (vi) Meeting with Professor Hoyano.

DR gave updates on: (i) Draft Tusla Business Plan, (ii) MB Meeting [11 Jan], (iii) Unaccompanied Minors [Greece/Calais], (iv) PAC, (v) Meeting with OPW, and (vi) Allocation of office space [Mespil Road].

MS gave updates on: (i) Oberstown [Industrial Action and Independent Review], (ii) Judicial Review Cases, (iii) Suspended Sentences, (iv) Bail Supervision Scheme, (v) Greentown Report, (vi) Commission of Investigation [Mother and Baby Homes], (vii) Meeting with OPC [Adoption (Information and Tracing) Bill], and (viii) Helping Hands.

4. For Noting

- (i) Government Memos Report – To be updated by MS

5. For Mention – Sick Leave Management

The MB noted the recent correspondence received by FL from Robert Watt and Office Notice 2/2017 circulated by HR on 6 January. FL asked could the MB ensure that all staff are aware of their responsibilities in this regard.

6. AOB

- FL gave an update on his scheduled appearance before the Public Accounts Committee on 19 January regarding the GAL service.
- FL asked MB members to ensure staff members have completed their 2016 end of year reviews on the PMDS system.

- It was noted that Unit Business Plans will be completed by mid-January and FL asked CR to organise dates for units to meet with the MB regarding their Business Plan.
- An update was given on discussions being held with OPW and D/Health regarding the planned move to Miesian Plaza.
- FL advised he will send an email to MB members regarding the structure of the MB meeting scheduled for the 11 Jan.
- DR gave an update on a Protected Disclosure received by the Department.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 16th January at 10:30am.