

## **Minutes of Management Board Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

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

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

The minutes of the meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016 were agreed.

### **2. Matters Arising**

All matters arising were discussed as part of brief updates.

### **3. Brief Updates**

**DR** gave updates on: (i) NCCIS, (ii) Audit Committee on Risk [John Lohan presenting on 6 Dec], (iii) Moves within Division, (iv) Opposition Motion on Calais, and (v) Transactions Audit.

**MS** gave updates on: (i) Commission of Investigation [Mother and Baby Homes], (ii) Adoption (Amendment) Bill, (iii) S Case, (iv) Oberstown [Industrial Action], (v) Section 99, (vi) Bail Supervision Scheme, (vii) Victims of Crime Bill [Justice], (viii) North/South Meeting, (ix) Review of ACTS Team, and (x) Meeting with Minister of State David Stanton.

**FL** gave updates on: (i) Move to Miesian Plaza [OPW Meeting], (ii) Brexit, (iii) Commissioning of services, (iv) QCBI, (v) Children First [IDG and Oversight], and (vi) GAL.

### **4. DCYA Children First Oversight Group**

Marie Kennedy attended the meeting for this item and briefed the MB on the note provided in advance of the meeting. The MB noted the revised timeline for the commencement of provisions of the Children First Act. A meeting of the Oversight Group took place on 11 November. A discussion took place at this group regarding requirements and arrangements in relation to child protection and it was agreed that these should be reviewed to ensure that a consistent approach is taken across the Department. The provision of training also needs to be reviewed especially in light of the new training module being introduced. The next meeting of the Oversight Group is scheduled for 3 February 2017.

### **5. VFM on Youth Services to include Governance and Reform**

Clare McNamara and Olive McGovern attended the meeting for this item and presented on the document provided to the MB in advance of the meeting. An overview was given on YAU finance, the key points of the VFM Policy Review on Youth Projects 2010-2012, its recommendations and implementation plan, and key risks and issues for further consideration by the MB. A staged action plan for implementing the recommendations of the VFMPR was presented and will be refined shortly.

The MB noted the significant challenges involved in addressing the issues raised, including those relating to availability of data, IT issues, governance and risk. The proposed approach to dealing with all of the issues raised was noted, and the MB will review progress regularly.

**6. For Noting**

- (i) Communications/events Schedule – Oral PQs will take place on 14 December.

**7. For Mention – PMDS Compliance**

The report was noted by the MB. FL asked MB members to encourage staff members to complete end of year reviews on time.

**8. AOB**

- FL gave an update on his monthly meeting with Fred McBride which took place on 30 November.
  
- DR advised the MB that Jim Gibson has been confirmed as the new Chief Operations Officer in Tusla.
  
- FL thanked everybody involved in the organisation of the Departments recent Town Hall meeting. The MB agreed that the external presentation on resilience was very useful.

**9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30a.m.