

Minutes of Management Board Meeting held on 10th October 2016

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

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 3rd October 2016 were agreed.

2. Matters Arising

All matters arising were discussed as part of brief updates.

3. Brief Updates

MS gave updates on: (i) Joint Oireachtas Committee, (ii) Children's Rights [European Directive], (iii) Oberstown [WRC and related discussions], (iv) Quarterly Meeting with Probation Service, (v) Judicial Reviews, (vi) Adoption (Amendment) Bill, and (vii) Commission of Investigation [Mother and Baby Homes].

DR gave updates on: (i) HIQA Report on Foster Care Services in Midlands, (ii) Draft Statement of Strategy, (iii) Membership of State Boards [DCYA Staff], (iv) Staff Vacancies, (v) Monthly Meeting with Tusla [6 Oct], and (vi) Estimates Process.

- Monthly Meeting with Tusla [6 Oct] - DR to bring paper to the MB for noting.

BM gave updates on: (i) Pobal [Governance and Public Accounts Committee], (ii) Single Affordable Childcare Scheme, (iii) Early Years Unit [Staffing and Division of Labour], (iv) Implementation of Youth Strategy, (v) Youth Organisations meeting Minister this month, (vi) Launch of Growing Up in Ireland Book [ESRI], (vii) ESRI Report [Childcare Programmes], (viii) GUI Annual Conference [3 Nov], and (ix) Poverty Truth Commission.

FL gave updates on: (i) GAL Paper, (ii) ECJ Case [Brussels II], and (iii) Equality Proofing of Budget [Programme for Government].

4. For Noting

(ii) FOI Report – DR to follow up on 2016/39.

(iv) Government Memos Report – The Memo regarding the Single Affordable Childcare Scheme will be circulated on eCabinet by the end of the week.

5. For Mention

Resilience Training recently completed by the Government and Performance Division was mentioned. The training received good feedback from staff and it was agreed to pursue having this as an item at the next Town Hall meeting.

6. AOB

- Logistics regarding the Facebook Live event with Minister Zappone and Minister Coveney on 12 Oct were discussed.
- The MB noted the amount of work involved in preparing briefing for the Joint Oireachtas Committee on which took place on 5 Oct.
- FL thanked the Finance Unit and all staff in the Department who were involved in ensuring a successful Estimates campaign for the Department.

- MB members were reminded to encourage their staff to ensure all aspects of their PMDS process are up to date for 2016.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 17th October at 10.30a.m.