

Minutes of Management Board Meeting held on 20th September 2016

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

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 12th September 2016 were agreed with one amendment.

2. Matters Arising

Matters relating to the upcoming Estimates Process were discussed.

3. Brief Updates

DR gave updates on: (i) Board Vacancies Tusla, (ii) Quarterly Meeting Minister and Tusla [21 Sept], (iii) HIQA Report on Foster Care Services, (iv) Statement of Strategy [Next Steps], (v) Joint Oireachtas Committee, (vi) Estimates Meeting with DPER, (vii) Health and Safety Audit, (viii) New AP [Early Years], (ix) Memo for Government [Special Advisors], and (x) Tusla HR.

LC gave updates on: (i) Dublin Inner City, (ii) Meeting with Dr. Tony Holohan [Child Specialist Post], (iii) National Review Panel meeting with HIQA, (iv) Homelessness, (v) BOBF Sponsors Meeting [13 Sept], (vi) Advisory Council Meeting, (vii) GAL, (viii) Court Cases, (ix) ABC, (x) Children First, and (xi) QCBI.

- Meeting with Dr. Tony Holohan [Child Specialist Post] – LC will circulate revised job description to MB.

BM gave updates on: (i) Estimates [Early Years and Youth], (ii) Single Affordable Childcare Scheme, (iii) School Age Childcare Report, (iv) Early Years Strategy, (v) BOBF Indicator Set, (vi) RFT for Children and Young Peoples Participation Support Services, and (vii) Launch of the Children's 'Healthy Lifestyles' Consultation Report.

MS gave updates on: (i) Work Pressures [Oberstown], (ii) Workplace Relations Commission, (iii) Health and Safety Review on Oberstown [State Claims Agency], (iv) Judicial Reviews, (v) Oberstown [Buildings], (vi) Meeting of YJAP, (vii) New Council of Europe Commissioner for Prevention of Torture [Visit to Ireland], (viii) Bail Supervision Scheme, (ix) Launch of Research Project [UL], and (x) Minister meeting CRA in Oberstown [21 Sept].

FL gave updates on: (i) Discussion with Tusla CEO ['Mary' Case], (ii) Joint Oireachtas Committee, and (iii) Filling of Assistant Secretary Position [TLAC].

4. Report from Legal Advisors

Caroline Timmons and Una McEvoy attended the meeting for this item and presented on the quarterly report of the Legal Unit. The report focused on significant matters for the attention of the MB and a number of issues were reviewed. The MB noted the issues highlighted and FL noted the quality of the report.

5. DCYA Children First Oversight Group

The Management Board noted the document circulated in advance of the meeting. The importance of ensuring the Department is ready for implementation of Children First on a statutory basis was highlighted.

6. For Noting

- (i) Communications – The date for the Joint Oireachtas Committee was noted.

7. AOB

The MB noted that Liz Canavan is moving to the Department of An Taoiseach, and that this was her final Management Board meeting in DCYA. FL thanked her for her very significant contribution to the work of the Department over many years, and wished her well in her new post.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 26th September at 10.30a.m.