

Minutes of Management Board Meeting held on 5th September 2016

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

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 25th July 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) Survey of Early Years Sector & Early Years Forum, (iii) Access and Inclusion Model, (iv) European Social Pillar, (v) Divisional Staffing, (vi) LGBT Youth Strategy, (vii) Youth funding (Estimates 2017), and (viii) Poverty Truth Commission.

MS gave updates on: (i) Commission of Investigation [Mother and Baby Homes], (ii) Adoption (Amendment) Bill, (iii) Adoption [Information and Tracing], (v) Oberstown [Issues and Industrial Action] and (vi) Meeting with Minister of State Stanton.

- Oberstown Issues – MS to provide note to FL on Criminal Justice Act amendment.
- Meeting with Minister of State Stanton – MS to notify P. Ryan.

DR gave updates on: (i) Tusla Performance, (ii) Estimates [Tusla Submission], (iii) Programme for Government [Report on DCYA Commitments], (iv) HR [DCYA], (v) National Review Panel Report, (vi) Estimates 2017, (vii) Miesian Plaza.

LC gave updates on: (i) Guardian ad Litem, (ii) Symposium [8 September], (iii) Child Care Act Review, (iv) Louise O’Keeffe Subgroup, (v) Homelessness, (vi) Guardianship Payment, (vii) National Review Panel [HIQA Review], (viii) QCBI, (ix) ABC Programme, (x) CYPSCs, and (xi) Staff Retirement.

4. Report of the Sub-Committee on Dáil Reform – Changes to Standing Orders

The MB discussed the reports circulated in advance. All heads of bodies under remit have been notified of same and advised to make appropriate internal preparations. In view of the Minister’s responsibilities the preferred DCYA process is to have PQ responses from bodies channelled back through the Department. The challenges of the ten working day requirement for responses were noted. It was also noted that the Dáil is being recalled on Wednesday 7th September.

5. Min/Mgt Board Meeting

The format for the 7 September meeting was discussed. MB members are to provide a single topic significant issues briefing, and topics were proposed. The various other agenda items were reviewed and MB members assigned responsibility to provide papers.

- AS to pursue Govt memos and other updates, and circulate all papers to MB members.

6. For Noting

- (i) Submissions – To be kept updated. CR will follow up with the Minister’s office.
- (ii) FOI Report – DR will check on the status of a number of FOI’s in his Division.

- (iv) Government Memos – Requires updating (Single Affordable Childcare Scheme & Minister’s Advisers) and is to be supplied to the Minister/MB meeting.

7. For Mention

(i) Town Hall Meeting

Revised dates were proposed and agreed. AS will contact preferred venues.

(ii) Lobbying Act

FL circulated a note re: review of the Act.

- MB members to review the Register in respect of their areas of operation.

(iii) Statement of Strategy

FL will issue an email to all POs, looking for significant input to the drafting process. PO’s are to discuss within their Units, and the PO forum will then meet. It was noted that the Department of Education and Skills Statement of Strategy is going to Government, as part of its ‘100 Days’ commitment.

8. AOB

(i) Senior Officials Group on Social Policy and Public Services

DCYA has a number of items on the agenda for the meeting on Thursday 8th September, including the Single Affordable Childcare Scheme, North East Inner City and Oberstown. DCYA officials will be in attendance.

(ii) Meeting with Tusla CEO

FL advised that he will be meeting Mr. Fred McBride later today.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 12th September at 10.30a.m. It will be preceded by a meeting of the Risk Committee at 9.30a.m.

The meeting of 19th September has been rescheduled to take place on Tuesday 20th September at 11.00a.m.