

Minutes of Management Board Meeting held on 9th May 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 3 May were agreed.

2. Matters Arising

FL advised that he has confirmed who the official with responsibility for risk appetite in DPER is, and he will also consult with other SGs regarding this matter. The MB will discuss this further when they meet as the Risk Committee on 30 May.

3. Brief Updates

FL gave an update on meeting with Fred McBride, CEO of Tusla [Note of meeting circulated].

MS gave updates on: (i) Amalgamation Order for Oberstown Detention Centre, (ii) Child Law Centre [Round Table on Child Justice], (iii) Attendance at UPR Meeting [Geneva] (iv) Criminal Justice Strategic Group, (v) Data Hub [Justice], (vi) Oberstown [Absconder], (vii) Adoption [Amendment] Bill, (viii) Arc Adoption, and (ix) Commission of Investigation [Mother and Baby Homes].

DR gave updates on: (i) Tusla Performance Reports [MB Discussion next week], (ii) Tusla Capital Plan (iii) Visit to Ballydowd, (iv) NCCIS, (v) Tusla Board Vacancies, (vi) DCYA Partnership Committee, (vii) DCYA Relocation, (viii) AHCPS [Meeting with OPW and request to meet with FL], (ix) DCYA Alteration Work, (x) C&AG Audit of Appropriation Account, (xi) Briefing for UPR Meeting, (xii) Annual Report, and (xiii) Disability Foster Care Cases.

- Tusla Board Vacancies – DR will provide submission to FL.

BM gave updates on: (i) Early Years (Pre-School) Regulations, (ii) Early Years [Staffing], (iii) Meeting with IMPACT [Schools Completion Programme], (iv) New AP in Youth Affairs, (v) Retirements in Division, (vii) Afterschool Standards [Consultations with Children], and (viii) Preparation for consultation with transgender children and young people [TENI].

LC gave updates on: (i) GAL [Timeline], (ii) Conference on Corporal Punishment [Vienna], (iii) ISPPC, (iv) HIQA Review of NRP, (v) Disability, (vi) Homelessness, (vii) Special Care Regulations, (viii) ECJ, (ix) Children First [Tusla], (x) ABC [Feedback on Evaluation], (xi) Meeting Atlantic Philanthropies [Information and Data Sharing], (xii) QCBI, (xiii) CYPSCs [Meeting with DoH and DECLC], (xiv) EU Peer Review, (xv) Case Studies Review [Tusla Establishment], and (xvi) Early Years.

- Special Care Regulations – LC will provide a draft letter to FL this week.
- Homelessness – CR to schedule internal meeting.
- EU Peer Review – To be scheduled for discussion at MB next week.

4. Issues for Incoming Minister

FL advised that he has been in contact with Minister Zappone and they are scheduled to meet later today. FL will provide the Minister with the introductory briefing material that has been prepared and will ask for meetings to be arranged between the Minister and MB members this week. FL asked MB members to consider if there are any priority items which the Minister will

need to make a decision on this week. The introductory briefing material provided to the Minister will be uploaded to Insite for the information of staff in the Department.

5. For Noting

(ii) FOI Report – Noted.

(iii) Communications/Events Schedule – The Minister is attending the Children’s Rights Alliance AGM on 10 May.

7. AOB

LC circulated a risk management template regarding the EU/UK relations referendum in advance of the meeting. Potential implications were discussed, and MB members advised they will revert regarding risks to be included on the template. It was agreed that the matter could be discussed further at the Risk Committee meeting on 30 May.

FL advised that the Department co-hosted a town hall on Civil Service Renewal with DPER last week which had a good turnout from both the Department and the wider Civil Service. A number of issues were raised which are significant to Civil Servants, most notably mobility, career progression, and learning and development.

It was agreed that a Departmental Town Hall will be scheduled soon. The Civil Service Engagement Study will be presented upon, and FL asked MB members to consider if there are other items which could be included.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 16 May at 10.30a.m.