Meeting of the Teacher Supply Implementation Group

1st December 2022 @ 2.00 pm

Via WebEx

Minutes

In attendance:

Dalton Tattan, Assistant Secretary General (Chair)
Bernie McNally, Secretary General
Deirdre Shanley, Assistant Secretary General
Tomás Ó Ruairc, Assistant Secretary General
Aoife Conduit, Assistant Secretary General
Yvonne Keating, Chief Inspector
Paraic Joyce, PO, School Governance/ Teacher Allocations
Jill Fannin, PO, Teacher Education Policy (ITE and Professional Development)
Mark Bohan, PO, External Staff Relations
Deirdre Naughton, PO, Payroll
Steven Lucas, Statistics (for Deirdre Cullen)
Phil Fox, Acting Director, Teaching Council

Also in attendance:

Conor McCourt, APO, Teacher Supply John Egan, HEO, Teacher Supply Leonie Kiernan, EO, Teacher Supply

Apologies:

Aisling Curley, PO, Pensions
Deirdre Cullen, PO, Statistics
Martin McLoughlin, PO, Special Education
Sinéad Keenaghan, PO, Payroll
Chris Kelly, PO, Teacher Education Policy (Teacher Supply)
Clare Butler, PO, Teacher Terms and Conditions

1. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 19th September 2022 were agreed.

2. National Consultative Forum on Teacher supply: issues arising

The Secretary General expressed her thanks and appreciation for all the work that was carried out for the National Consultative Forum and in particular the input into the post-primary subject teacher projections report.

It was noted that the post-primary subject teacher projections report was received positively by forum attendees.

It was agreed that the report should be published and a workshop with relevant stakeholders held subsequently.

3. Potential next steps

Teacher Supply Action Plan Working Draft

The Group considered the "Teacher Supply Action Plan Working Draft" and potential teacher supply actions in a number of areas, including:

- Teacher recruitment campaigns
- Deployment of Treoraithe to provide short term sub cover in limited certain circumstances.
- Leave arrangements
- Arrangements for incremental credit
- Primary teacher supply panels
- Teacher employment contracts
- Regional analysis of teacher demand and supply
- Actions to support teacher supply in Dublin and surrounding areas
- Induction arrangements for NQTs qualified abroad
- Actions to support the availability of student teachers to fill short term sub vacancies

It was noted that the current teacher supply challenges are focussed on the recruitment of substitute teachers, particularly in Dublin and the surrounding areas

The following points were agreed:

- A teacher supply priority action plan will be developed over the coming weeks. The plan should identify the actions, timescale for implementation, line sections with responsibility for implementing the action and, where possible, quantifiable outcomes.
- A short note will be developed setting out data relevant to teacher demand and supply
- Group members will provide feedback on the 'Teacher Supply Action Plan Working Draft' by close of business Monday 5th December.

Development of future demand and supply projections

It was agreed to explore options to develop projections of SET demand and supply, EAL teacher demand and supply, teacher demand and supply in DEIS schools and options to incorporate sub teacher demand and supply in the projections model.

4.	AOB

None

5. Date of next meeting:

TBC