

Minutes of Management Board Meeting Held on Tuesday, 30th May, 2017

Attendance: Secretary General (Fergal Lynch), Bernie McNally, Éimear Fisher and Dermot Ryan. Jacqueline Barron reporting.

Apologies: Michelle Shannon.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 23rd May, 2017 were agreed, subject to two minor corrections.

2. Matters Arising

a) PMDS

FL brought questions raised at previous Management Board (MB) meetings to the attention of the Civil Service Management Board (CSMB) at a recent meeting. The Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER) will consider and revert.

b) Update of Ministerial Briefing

FL requested that all one page updates be forwarded to JB by Friday 9th June, 2017. FL will subsequently review same and update introductory section of overall briefing note.

c) Town Hall Meeting

DR noted that it was hoped that a SurveyMonkey questionnaire would issue later in the week.

3. Brief Updates

BM provided updates on (i) Early Years (September Measures), (ii) Cross-Departmental Initiative (*Creative Ireland*), (iii) Country Specific Recommendations (CSRs) from the European Commission, (iv) Preparation for Estimates Process, (v) Child-Minding Group, (vi) Affordable Child Care Scheme (Co-location with Pobal and Launch of September Measures Information Campaign), (vii) Project Plan for Affordable Child Care Scheme, (viii) Drafting of Affordable Child Care Scheme Bill, (ix) Access and Inclusion Model, (x) Independent Review of Costs, (xi) Governance and Finance Team (Non-Contact Time), (xii) Possible Early Years Underspend, (xiii) Youth Affairs (School Completion Staff), (xiv) New Citizen Participation and Youth Reform Unit, (xv) Upcoming Meeting with Foróige (New Contract for Participation and Support), and (xvi) LGBTI Strategy (Final Consultation on Wednesday 28th June, 2017).

- BM to circulate a revised Business Plan for the new Citizen Participation and Youth Reform Unit to the MB.
- BM to seek an update on Big Brother Big Sister Dormant Accounts.
- BM to provide a note on State Aid issue.

EF provided updates on (i) Child Protection (Bilateral with Department of Health), (ii) Children First (Tusla Resource Documents), (iii) High Profile Child Abuse Case, (iv) Report on Section 12 of the Child Care Act 1991, (v) Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Reform, (vi) Review of the Child Care Act 1991,

(vii) Aftercare Regulations, (viii) Special Care Regulations, (ix) Draft Regulations on Transfer of Inspection Function to the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA), (x) National Review Panel (NRP), (xi) Children and Youth Services Planning Committees (CYPSCs), (xii) Quality and Capacity Building Initiative (QCBI), (xiii) Psychological Services, (xiv) Research (Management of Research Requests), (xv) Growing Up in Ireland Study, and (xvi) Better Outcomes Brighter Futures (BOBF) Indicators.

- EF to provide JOC report on GALs to FL.
- BM to provide EF with a note on output from Comhairle na nÓg regarding Brexit.
- EF to provide a paper on governance issues in relation to the NRP.

DR provided updates on (i) Protected Disclosure, (ii) Tusla (Reorganisation), (iii) Budget 2018, (iv) Foster Care (Dealing with Allegations Against Foster Carers), (v) Irish Foster Care Association (Budget Proposal regarding Upgrade to Records Management System), and (vi) 14th Informal Expert Group Meeting on the Rights of the Child at the EU Commission.

On **MS'** behalf, FL provided updates on (i) Oberstown, (ii) Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes (Upcoming Statement in Dáil and Tuam Site).

- FL to request MS to provide a paper on Oberstown recommendations to the MB.

4. Draft Guide for DCYA POs in relation to Safeguarding Children

Marie Kennedy joined the meeting for this item. The draft guide was agreed for circulation to POs/equivalents, subject to some minor amendments. This would issue immediately with a cover note from FL.

5. Mid-Term Review of BOBF

John Cole and Cormac Grundy joined the meeting for this item. The proposed approach to the mid-term review was agreed, and the methodology, objectives and timeframes were noted. The mid-term review will commence in July, and there will be briefings on the process for the Advisory Council (14 June) and poverty roundtable event (22 June). It was noted that the BOBF annual report would be considered at the next Consortium meeting on 29 June.

Cormac provided the MB with a table of BOBF commitments, responsibility for which has yet to be determined. It was proposed that the MB would consider same and revert to Cormac.

Finally, there was some discussion regarding the impacts to date of the BOBF framework for children and young people and how they might be measured.

6. For Noting

a) Submission for Minister

BM will send a copy of the Draft Report of Consultations with Transgender Identified Children and Young People to FL.

b) Early Years Forum

BM noted that this is being rescheduled from June to July.

c) Capital Assistance Scheme – Accommodation for Young People Leaving State Care Deemed Most at Risk of Homelessness

FL welcomed the paper provided on this issue by Albert O'Donoghue.

d) Cross-Departmental Action on Mental Health

FL drew attention to papers he had emailed to the MB, noting his intention to include this item on the agenda for the MB meeting of Monday 19th June, 2017.

7. AOB

a) Senior Management Team (SMT) Meeting

FL advised that an agenda and papers which have been prepared for the next meeting on Friday 2nd June, 2017 could be circulated.

b) Town Hall Meeting

The date of 6th July, 2017 was confirmed as the date for the next meeting.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday, 12th June, 2017 @ 10.30 a.m. Subsequent meetings for the rest of June and July will continue to take place thereafter on Monday mornings at 10.30 a.m.

- MB members to let FL know of annual leave plans during that time.