

## **Management Board Meeting Minutes**

### **Monday 12 March 2018, 10:30**

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**Attendance:** Secretary General (Fergal Lynch), Bernie McNally, Dermot Ryan, Éimear Fisher and Michelle Shannon. Miriam Kenna reporting.

#### **1. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of meetings of 26 February and 5 March 2018 were agreed.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

It was noted that the rescheduled site visit to Miesian Plaza had taken place on the morning of 12 March. FL welcomed the significant progress made and thanked the Project Board for their work. He believed that the facilities were excellent and would provide high quality accommodation for the staff of the Department.

DR asked, in light of the recent Risk Committee meeting, that high level unit risks be discussed with POs and any changes identified prior to next Audit Committee meeting.

#### **2. Brief Updates**

BMcN provided updates on (i) European Semester Report (ii) Child Minding Ireland conference (iii) ACS (Crowe Howarth appointed as Process Auditor for IT Systems procurement) (iv) Early Years (Governance and Finance staffing; Quality - PO post filled), (v) AIM (Winners of Irish Healthcare Centre Award) (vi) Pobal (2018 Budget) (vii) CYPSC & EY Strategy and (viii) Referendum on Article 41.2 (women in the home).

MS provided updates on (i) Commission on Mother and Baby Homes (consultation process on Tuam site; selection panel appointed; documents provided under further Discovery Order) (ii) ETB Reforms (iii) LGBT Strategy (iv) Oberstown (Judicial review of enhanced remission; unannounced inspection by HIQA) and Tusla (incorrect birth registrations).

DR provided updates on (i) Finance (first draft of Appropriation Account targeted for March 16) (ii) Child Care (Amendment) Bill on GAL Reform and (iii) GUI (legal advice due re Phase 3).

EF provided updates on (i) Child Safeguarding Statement and Sectoral Implementation Plan (approved by Minister) (ii) QBCI (iii) Tusla Board (short listing for Board Members) (iv) Child Poverty (v) Educational Welfare (vi) Child Care Law Reporting Project (vii) meeting with Tusla SMT(viii) cross agency group (multi agency child centres) and (ix) Tusla (Limerick Case).

#### **3. Agenda Items for Strategic and Operational Discussion**

The MB reviewed items discussed in previous meetings and considered a list of suggested items for discussion at MB meetings scheduled for Q1 and Q2 2018.

MB members suggested some additional items, such as overall Departmental priorities arising from the Business Plan discussions, as well as follow-on discussions of previous items including Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes, and Governance and Compliance of Early years schemes. Each MB member will consider items for discussion and advise FL and MK of most appropriate dates for inclusion on MB meeting agendas.

#### **4. For Noting**

It was noted that a presentation by UL School of Law students on legal and policy instruments to protect children from adults grooming them for crime would take place on Wednesday 21 March in DCYA. Staff with an interest in the area were welcome to attend.

#### **5. AOB**

FL congratulated the Early Years Team which won the award for the Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) for Pre-School in the category of *Healthcare Initiative - Child Health and Wellbeing - Hospital/National Centre* at the Irish Healthcare Centre Awards. MB members welcomed the achievement as one for which the Department as a whole could feel proud.

It was noted that the Select Committee on Children and Youth Affairs met on Wednesday 7 March and approved the 2018 Revised Estimates for Public Services – Vote 40. DR thanked all involved in the preparation of substantial material for the meeting, and noted that the Minister wished to pass on her own thanks.

#### **6. Next Meeting**

The next meeting was confirmed for Monday 26 March 2018 at 10:30.