

MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES 22/07/2019

ATTENDANCE:

Chair – Kevin McCarthy - Secretary General; William Parnell – Assistant Secretary, Sheenagh Rooney - Assistant Secretary and Bairbre NicAongusa - Assistant Secretary.

Andrew Forde, Principal Officer, Rural Strategy and Social Enterprise Unit attended for item 5.2.

Secretariat – Lynda Crawford

1. STATEMENT OF INTEREST

No conflicts.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING

4. MATTERS FOR DECISION

4.1 PROPOSAL FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF EXISTING GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR AGENCIES UNDER THE REMIT OF THE DEPARTMENT

MB agreed that oversight for the four agencies under the remit of the Department be maintained by each of the lead units with a central oversight for consistency across the Units to be co-ordinated by the Corporate Co-ordination Unit.

5. PRIORITY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 BREXIT

MB discussed DRCD preparations for Brexit.

5.2 UPDATE ON THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY/POLICY TO FOLLOW ON FROM THE REALISING OUR RURAL POTENTIAL, THE IRISH GOVERNMENT'S ACTION PLAN FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT ON CONCLUSION OF ITS 2017-2019 TIMEFRAME.

Andrew Forde updated the MB on the consultation process, the feedback received, further planned consultation and timelines for the initial draft document.

MB noted the extensive consultation process undertaken, the proposed establishment of an interdepartmental network and the further actions required.

MB noted the benefit of personnel from the Rural Strategy and Social Enterprise Unit attending future volunteering policy advisory groups.

CSO PRESENTATION OF THE 11 JULY – HARNESSING THE VALUE OF DATA

MB noted the success of the CSO presentation of the 11th July – Harnessing the value of data and expressed their appreciation of the CSO personnel involved.

MB agreed that Kenneth Jordan, Finance Officer, Finance and Evaluation Unit will liaise with CSO in relation to DRCD input into the CSO's urban rural project (varying degrees of classification of urban/rural areas and their socio-economic characteristics).

MB noted the need for DRCD to continue to capture Eircodes.

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

The Communications update was discussed.

6.2 OTHER SIGNIFICANT UPDATES

MB members provided updates on a number of ongoing items in their areas, including, SEUPB – Peace Plus, the North East Inner City Initiative, upgrade of the Volunteer Information Services (VIS) Network, the Sustainable, Inclusive and Empowered Communities: A Strategy to Support the Community and Voluntary Sectors, the publication of dog control statistics, the voluntary advisory group for Volunteering, SICAP, the Climate Action Delivery Board, the review of DRCD funding programmes and awarding criteria to ensure greater compatibility with climate objectives, the launch of the National Social Enterprise Policy and the Civil Service Excellence Awards.

6.3 MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE/REPRESENTATIONS

MB discussed and noted the report on Ministerial correspondence/representations.

7. STANDING ITEMS

7.1 MINISTERIAL AND MANAGEMENT BOARD DIARIES

The diary for the forthcoming fortnight was noted.

7.2 GOVERNMENT MEMORANDA / CABINET SUBCOMMITTEES

MB noted current Government Business.

7.3 WEEKLY SCHEDULE (DÁIL, SEANAD AND COMMITTEES)

MB noted that Dáil Éireann will resume on Tuesday, 17 September 2019 and Seanad Éireann will resume on Tuesday, 24 September 2019.

7.4 SOG'S / CABINET COMMITTEES

No issues arising.

8. AOB

MB approved DRCD participation in the Young Ireland Programme and noted that the deadline for nominations is the 27th September, 2019.

Kevin McCarthy,
Secretary General