

Department of Public Expenditure and Reform

Management Board Meeting on Wednesday 20 May, 2020

Minutes

Attendance

Secretary General, Mr Downes, Mr Lowry, Dr Fallon Byrne, Mr Quinn, Mr Menton, Mr Cagney, Ms Coleman, Mr Moloney, Mr Feeney, Mr Howlin, Ms O'Reilly, Ms Godkin, Ms Codd.

1. Minutes of Management Board meeting 13 May 2020 –

The minutes of the meeting on 13 May were agreed.

2. Divisional Key Issues

Mr Lowry updated for the Office of Government Chief Information Officer on the ongoing work on the HSE App for contact tracing.

Mr Cagney provided an update on the Civil Service Human Resources Division including the high level review of the Return to Work Safely Protocol and the development of guidelines on Working from Home during Crisis Recovery.

Mr Menton addressed the priorities of the Public Service Pay and Pensions Division including pay related issues and the continued work ongoing regarding the Single Pension Scheme administration.

Dr Fallon-Byrne provided an update for the Reform and Delivery Office including the Civil Service Management Board meeting scheduled for Friday 22 May and the Public Service Management Group meeting Thursday 21 May.

Mr Downes provided an update on the Expenditure Policy and Reporting Division including Health and expenditures matters arising and the meeting of the Construction Sector Group later this week.

Ms Coleman provided an update for the Expenditure Management, Structural Funds and Audit Division in relation to Education and Climate Action issues.

Mr Quinn updated for the Office of Government Procurement in respect of the ongoing work with the Investment Projects and Programmes Office on the challenges of implementing the 'return to work' roadmap and Protocol and PPE Procurement.

3. Upcoming Memoranda for Government.

The Memoranda for Government planned for upcoming Government meetings were noted.

4. COVID 19: Internal Operational and HR update

Rolling Business Continuity Plan

Mr Feeney updated the Board on the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform's Internal Rolling Business Continuity Plan for Response to the COVID-19 Emergency.

HR matters

Ms O'Reilly updated on the latest position in respect of HR matters within the Department including the latest eLearning session due to be delivered on Thursday 21 May titled 'From Coping to Outstanding' which is one element of the programme for Mental Health Awareness week.

5. Financial Management: End April Expenditure Report for PER and OGCIO Votes

The end April expenditure reports for both the PER and OGCIO Votes were discussed by the Board following which both were noted.

6. Any Other Business

The next Management Board Policy Forum will take place on Thursday 28 May at 11.00am.

Next Meeting Tuesday, 26 May, 2020 at 10.00am