

Minutes of the Meeting of the National Advisory Council for Online Safety, 23 January 2019

1. Adoption of minutes of meeting of 22 November 2018

- The minutes of the previous meeting of the Council on 22 November 2018 were agreed.
- **ACTIONS ARISING:**
 - Secretariat to finalise and publish minutes on the website of the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment (the **Department**).

2. Updates

- The chairperson (**Minister of State Seán Canney**) requested updates on the status of the draft research proposal and on the Sponsors Group's response to the Council's views on the Government single online safety resource portal, www.besafeonline.ie.

a. Draft research proposal

- Triona Quill (Secretariat) gave an update on the draft research proposal, noting that funding of €100,000 had been secured. It is intended that the research he subgroup will meet again in February to discuss a draft request for tenders. It is intended that the project will be completed and a report published by the end of the year.

b. Sponsor's group response to Council's preliminary views on www.besafeonline.ie

- At its previous meeting the Council endorsed a document summarising its views on the online safety portal, which was then given to the sponsor group by the Secretariat. A subgroup is to be established from Sponsor Group to further examine how to improve the portal. Invitations were issued to members of the Council who may wish to join that subgroup.
- **ACTIONS ARISING:**
- Secretariat to begin drafting the request for tenders for the research project.

3. Presentation: Data Protection Commission – Public consultation on children and data protection

- Jenny Dolan (Data Protection Commission) gave a presentation on their Public Consultation on children and data protection, which was launched on 19 December 2018.. They conducted a pilot workshop in October 2018. On 28 January 2019 the consultation will be rolled out to schools for children Aged 8 and upwards. The closing date for the consultation is 5 April 2019. It was stressed that this is not a research project but a project to identify issues that will shape the guidelines going forward in Data Protection and rights for Children.
- **ACTION ARISING:** The DPC will circulate the consultation materials to NACOs members through the Secretariat.

4. Discussion item – Progress report of the Council for Safer Internet Day 2019

- Ciarán Shanley (**Secretariat**) gave an overview of the draft progress report of the Council, requesting that the remaining member bios be in over the next few days to allow the draft to be completed. It is intended that the report would be published on 5 February to coincide with Safer Internet Day.
- Ryan Meade (**Google**) asked that the portion of the report dealing with the Council's work on research be expanded.
- The chairperson welcomed the draft report and emphasised that it should be both concise and clear and focus on highlighting the ongoing work of the Council.
- **ACTION ARISING:** Members to provide their views on the draft report to the Secretariat by 29 January 2019.

5. Presentation: An Garda Síochána – Online threats

- Detective Chief Superintendent Declan Daly (**An Garda Síochána**) gave the Council a presentation on Online threats. He stressed the importance of awareness, education and cooperation between Government bodies.

6. Date of Next Meeting

- The date of the next meeting was agreed as 1 May 2019.

7. AOB

- N/A

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