An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt
Department of Justice

**Management Board Meeting number 43 of 2024**

| Management Board – Meeting Details | |
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| **Date:** | 17 December 2024 |
| **Time:** | 1000 |
| **Location:** | 51 St Stephen's Green |
| **In Attendance:** | Oonagh McPhillips (chair), John O'Callaghan, Doncha O'Sullivan, Richard Dixon, Yvonne Furey, David Gilbride, Louise Jevens, Deirdre McDonnell, Deirdre Meenan, Andrew Munro, Stjohn O'Connor, Ben Ryan, Carole Sullivan, Neil Ward, Rachel Woods, Gurchand Singh, Juan Perez-Camacho (for Item 3), Sarah Kennelly (for Item 5), James Campbell (Secretary) |
| **Apologies** | Nessa O'Doherty |

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| **1.** | **Minutes**<br><br>**Update from SG** | The minutes of the meeting of 10 December 2024 were agreed and all actions arising are being progressed. The note of the meeting will be published on the Plan and Risk database.<br><br>The SG updated the Board on meetings the previous week with the Minister, the Audit Committee and the CSMB, as well as noting the recent Garda Graduation and Garda memorial event, and a successful PO Network event. | **All** |
| **2.** | **Current and Emerging Issues** | The Board was updated on the PSCS Act implementation process.<br><br>The Board noted engagement with DPER regarding the Migration Pact and discussed the Pact's implementation plan. | **John O'Callaghan and Deirdre McDonnell**<br><br>**Andrew Munro**<br><br>**Yvonne Furey** |

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| | | The Board noted the end-of-year financial position of the Justice Group of Votes.<br><br>The Board was updated on an anti-money laundering SI, a High Court decision regarding search warrants and the status of a case before the Supreme Court regarding child sentencing.<br><br>The Board noted positive progress on Stardust redress payments.<br><br>The Board was briefed on the designation of safe countries, the latest international protection data and noted the continued strong performance by International Protection case processing teams.<br><br>The Board was updated on discussions at the JHA covering Syria, immigration and CSAM as well as engagement with colleagues from other Member States. | **Rachel Woods**<br><br>**Carol Sullivan**<br><br>**Andrew Munro and Richard Dixon**<br><br>**Neil Ward** |
| **3.** | **Risk Update** | The Board was briefed on the work of the Risk Committee, discussed updates to the Department's risk register, including recording risk mitigating actions taken. | **Ben Ryan** |
| **4.** | **MB Agency Sub Group** | The Board was briefed on the status of the PSA, Legal Aid Board, Probation Service, ISI and Cuan, noted the agencies' budgets, governance arrangements and their respective challenges and opportunities for the coming 12 months.<br><br>The SG also thanked the Sub Group for their important oversight work. | **Doncha O'Sullivan** |
| **5.** | **Capital Projects** | The Board received an update on AGS, IPS and FSI capital projects and discussed budgets, prioritisation and timelines. | **Deirdre McDonnell** |

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| **6.** | **Transparency** | The Board **noted** the **Government Business and Communications Calendar** for the week ahead. | **Neil Ward** |
| **7.** | **AOB** | The SG thanked the Board for their work during the year, acknowledged the many successes of the Department and wished the Board a pleasant break. | **SG** |

## Key Action Points

Keep SG informed regarding proposals to hire retired officers - All