An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt
Department of Justice

**Management Board Meeting number 42 of 2024**

| Management Board – Meeting Details | |
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| **Date:** | 10 December 2024 |
| **Time:** | 1000 |
| **Location:** | 51 St Stephen's Green |
| **In Attendance:** | Oonagh McPhillips (chair), John O'Callaghan, Richard Dixon, David Gilbride, Louise Jevens, Deirdre McDonnell, Deirdre Meenan, Andrew Munro, Stjohn O'Connor, Carole Sullivan, Ben Ryan, Neil Ward, Rachel Woods, Nessa O'Doherty, Gurchand Singh, Orla Conduit (for Item 4), Ciara O'Connell (for Item 5), Richard Gow (for Item 5), Simon Nix, James Campbell (Secretary) |
| **Apologies** | Doncha O'Sullivan, Yvonne Furey |

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| **1.** | **Minutes**<br><br>**Update from SG** | The minutes of the meeting of 3 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 a recent meeting of the CSMB. | **All** |
| **2.** | **Current and Emerging Issues** | The Board discussed developments in Syria and the approach to international protection applications in Ireland and other EU Member States.<br><br>The Board noted the ongoing preparations and engagement with stakeholders regarding the commencement of the PSCS Act. | **Richard Dixon and Andrew Munro**<br><br>**John O'Callaghan and Deirdre McDonnell** |

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| | | The Board was informed of an ongoing case before the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal.<br><br>The Board noted the JHA agenda and likely policy positions of other Member States. | **Carole Sullivan**<br><br>**Neil Ward** |
| 3 | **Civil Service Excellence Awards** | The Board was updated on the Department's process to identify proposals and summit entries for the Civil Service Excellence Awards.<br><br>Proposals must be submitted for evaluation by 20 December with the finalised nomination list sent to the CSEA occurring on 14 February. | **Louise Jevens** |
| 4 | **Climate** | The Board noted the Department's progress towards sustainability, reporting and compliance by Justice sector agencies and bodies, engagement with the OPW on the energy efficiency of the Justice estate and planned further green actions. | **David Gilbride** |
| 5 | **e-Evidence** | The Board discussed the establishment of a body to deal with the e-Evidence Regulation and Directive, the need to extend the remit to include other criminal justice cooperation functions and the implementation process and challenging timelines. | **Ben Ryan** |
| 6 | **Legislation** | The Board was updated on the Department's current legislative programme and discussed resourcing and prioritisation. | **Andrew Munro and Rachel Woods** |
| 7 | **Transparency** | The Board **noted** the **Government Business and Communications Calendar** for the week ahead. | **Neil Ward** |
| 8 | **AOB** | | |

## Key Action Points

Circulate the CSMB papers to the Board – Secretary

Brainstorm proposals for the Civil Service Excellence Awards at SMTs – All

Prepare an eSub for the Minister setting out the proposed plan for e-Evidence implementation and the need for prioritisation – Ben Ryan