

MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES 5/04/2023

ATTENDANCE:

Chair –Mary Hurley – Secretary General; Fintan O’Brien – Assistant Secretary; Bairbre Nic Aongusa – Assistant Secretary and JP Mulherin – Assistant Secretary (Acting).

Secretariat Lynda Crawford

1. STATEMENT OF INTEREST

No conflicts.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting, were approved, with minor amendment.

3. MATTERS ARISING

4. MATTERS FOR DECISION

4.1. DRCD’S DIGITAL AND ICT-RELATED EXPENDITURE 2022/2023 – FOR SUBMISSION TO DGOU

JP Mulherin updated MB on the Department’s ICT-related actual expenditure for 2022 and the projected expenditure for 2023.

MB noted the Department’s ICT-related actual expenditure for 2022 and the Department’s projected ICT-related expenditure for the current year. MB approved the submission of this information to the Digital Government Oversight Unit (DGOU).

5. PRIORITY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 NATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE SITUATION UKRAINE

- The Secretary General updated MB on the Secretary General Group post-Cabinet meeting on 29 March February re. Ukraine.

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.2 OTHER SIGNIFICANT UPDATES

MB members provided updates on a number of ongoing items in their areas, as follows.

- PAC re. Request for information in relation to Value for Money in the context of Dáil Standing Order 218(2).
- Hr Update
- DRCD People Strategy 2022 2025 - Thematic Working Groups;
- Flexi pilot;
- Interview skill training;
- Blended working policy
- National Ploughing Championships 2023;
- Leader Programme;
- Community Recognition Fund;
- Development of a Strategic Partnership with Bord na Móna;
- Irish Shows Association.

7. STANDING ITEMS

7.1 MINISTERIAL AND MANAGEMENT BOARD DIARIES

The diaries for the forthcoming fortnight, were noted.

7.2 GOVERNMENT MEMORANDA / CABINET SUBCOMMITTEES

MB noted current Government Business.

7.3 WEEKLY SCHEDULE (DÁIL, SEANAD AND COMMITTEES)

MB noted the Oireachtas schedule for the next week.

7.4 SOG'S / CABINET COMMITTEES

No issues arising.

7.5 MINISTERIAL SUBMISSIONS

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Management Board Meeting No. 248

MB noted current matters awaiting Ministerial decision.

9. AOB

MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES 5/04/2023

ATTENDANCE:

Chair –Mary Hurley – Secretary General; Fintan O’Brien – Assistant Secretary; Bairbre Nic Aongusa – Assistant Secretary and JP Mulherin – Assistant Secretary (Acting).

Secretariat Lynda Crawford

1. STATEMENT OF INTEREST

No conflicts.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting, were approved, with minor amendment.

3. MATTERS ARISING

4. MATTERS FOR DECISION

4.1. DRCD CLIMATE ACTION ROADMAP

Aisling Penrose and Clodagh McDonnell updated MB on the Departments draft Climate Action Roadmap.

MB approved the Climate Action Roadmap for submission to SEAI.

5. PRIORITY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 NATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE SITUATION UKRAINE

- The Secretary General updated MB on the Secretary General Group post-Cabinet meeting on 6 April re. Ukraine.

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 HR UPDATE

Clodagh McDonnell and Madge Deane provided an HR update for Q1 2023. MB discussed and noted the HR update.

6.2 FINANCE UPDATE

MB discussed and noted the Finance Update for end of March 2023.

6.3 FOI REPORT

MB noted the FOI Report.

6.4 MINISTERIAL PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIONS REPORT

MB noted the Ministerial Parliamentary Report for the office of Minister Humphreys.

6.5 OTHER SIGNIFICANT UPDATES

MB members provided updates on a number of ongoing items in their areas, as follows.

Our Rural Future 2023 Work Programme/Our Rural Future Third Progress Report

- Island policy;
- Minmb 20th April;
- Oral pq 25 April;
- Libraries Strategy;
- Charities (Amendment) Bill 2023;
- ESF+ Programme;
- SICAP;
- Control of Dogs Acts 1986 to 2014/ Control of Dogs Regulations 1998;
- Council of Europe, delegation to Ireland on the 2 May;
- Community Recognition Fund;
- SMT 20 April;
- Cabinet Committee on the Environment and Climate Change -Thursday, 20 April.

7. STANDING ITEMS

7.1 MINISTERIAL AND MANAGEMENT BOARD DIARIES

The diaries for the forthcoming fortnight, were noted.

7.2 GOVERNMENT MEMORANDA / CABINET SUBCOMMITTEES

MB noted current Government Business.

7.3 WEEKLY SCHEDULE (DÁIL, SEANAD AND COMMITTEES)

MB noted the Oireachtas schedule for the next week.

7.4 SOG'S / CABINET COMMITTEES

No issues arising.

7.5 MINISTERIAL SUBMISSIONS

MB noted current matters awaiting Ministerial decision.

9. AOB

MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES 25/04/2023

ATTENDANCE:

Chair –Mary Hurley – Secretary General; Fintan O’Brien – Assistant Secretary; Bairbre Nic Aongusa – Assistant Secretary and JP Mulherin – Assistant Secretary (Acting).

Secretariat Adrian Rafferty

1. STATEMENT OF INTEREST

No conflicts.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting, were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING

4. MATTERS FOR DECISION

5. PRIORITY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 NATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE SITUATION UKRAINE

- The Secretary General updated MB on the Secretary General Group post-Cabinet meeting on 18 April re. Ukraine.

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 OTHER SIGNIFICANT UPDATES

MB members provided updates on a number of ongoing items in their areas, as follows.

Our Rural Future 2023 Work Programme/Our Rural Future Third Progress Report

- Island policy;
- Community Recognition Fund;
- Our Rural Future work programme 2023/Our Rural Future progress report 2023;
- HR Update;

- Libraries Strategy.

7. STANDING ITEMS

7.1 MINISTERIAL AND MANAGEMENT BOARD DIARIES

The diaries for the forthcoming fortnight, were noted.

7.2 GOVERNMENT MEMORANDA / CABINET SUBCOMMITTEES

MB noted current Government Business.

7.3 WEEKLY SCHEDULE (DÁIL, SEANAD AND COMMITTEES)

MB noted the Oireachtas schedule for the next week.

7.4 SOG'S / CABINET COMMITTEES

No issues arising.

7.5 MINISTERIAL SUBMISSIONS

MB noted current matters awaiting Ministerial decision.

9. AOB

MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES 10/05/2023

ATTENDANCE:

Chair –Mary Hurley – Secretary General; Fintan O’Brien – Assistant Secretary; Bairbre Nic Aongusa – Assistant Secretary and JP Mulherin – Assistant Secretary (Acting).

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

5. PRIORITY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 NATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE SITUATION UKRAINE

- The Secretary General updated MB on the Secretary General Group post-Cabinet meeting on 4 May re. Ukraine;
- Bairbre Nic Aongusa updated MB on the meeting of the Community Response Forum National Support Group meeting on the 2 May; and
- Bairbre Nic Aongusa updated MB on the meeting of the Humanitarian Senior Officials Group on the 3 May.

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 OTHER SIGNIFICANT UPDATES

MB members provided updates on a number of ongoing items in their areas, as follows.

Our Rural Future 2023 Work Programme/Our Rural Future Third Progress Report

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- Island policy;
- Library Strategy;
- ESF+ Programme;
- HR Update;
- Charities (Amendment) Bill 2023;
- National Philanthropy Strategy;
- NDP Delivery Capability;
- Walks Scheme;
- Community Recognition Fund: and
- Our Rural Future Work Programme 2023/Our Rural Future Progress Report 2023.

7. STANDING ITEMS

7.1 MINISTERIAL AND MANAGEMENT BOARD DIARIES

The diaries for the forthcoming fortnight, were noted.

7.2 GOVERNMENT MEMORANDA / CABINET SUBCOMMITTEES

MB noted current Government Business.

7.3 WEEKLY SCHEDULE (DÁIL, SEANAD AND COMMITTEES)

MB noted the Oireachtas schedule for the next week.

7.4 SOG'S / CABINET COMMITTEES

No issues arising.

7.5 MINISTERIAL SUBMISSIONS

MB noted current matters awaiting Ministerial decision.

9. AOB

MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES 10/05/2023

ATTENDANCE:

Chair –Mary Hurley – Secretary General; Fintan O’Brien – Assistant Secretary; Bairbre Nic Aongusa – Assistant Secretary and JP Mulherin – Assistant Secretary (Acting).

Breda Bailey, Higher Executive Officer, C&V Supports and Programmes Unit and Kevin Power, Assistant Principal Officer, C&V Supports and Programmes Unit, attended for agenda item no. 6.1

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

5. PRIORITY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 NATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE SITUATION UKRAINE

- The Secretary General updated MB on the Secretary General Group post-Cabinet meeting on 26 April re. Ukraine and
- Bairbre Nic Aongusa updated MB on the meeting of the Humanitarian Senior Officials Group meeting on the 26th April.

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 OTHER SIGNIFICANT UPDATES

MB members provided updates on a number of ongoing items in their areas, as follows.

Our Rural Future 2023 Work Programme/Our Rural Future Third Progress Report

- Leadership Programme
- HR Update
- The Joint Committee on Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and the Islands meeting of the Committee to discuss the “Safe Deposit Boxes and Related Deposits Bill 2022” (Private Members Bill) – 24th May.
- Charities (Amendment) Bill 2023
- Island policy;
- Library Strategy;
- ESF+ Programme;
- Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2023;
- BCPs;
- Community Recognition Fund.

6.2 NATIONAL PHILANTROPY POLICY

Breda Bailey and Kevin Power updated MB on the status of the draft National Philanthropy Policy. MB discussed the draft policy and suggested some minor amendments.

MB noted the proposed schedule for the public consultation process.

7. STANDING ITEMS

7.1 MINISTERIAL AND MANAGEMENT BOARD DIARIES

The diaries for the forthcoming fortnight, were noted.

7.2 GOVERNMENT MEMORANDA / CABINET SUBCOMMITTEES

MB noted current Government Business.

7.3 WEEKLY SCHEDULE (DÁIL, SEANAD AND COMMITTEES)

MB noted the Oireachtas schedule for the next week.

7.4 SOG'S / CABINET COMMITTEES

No issues arising.

7.5 MINISTERIAL SUBMISSIONS

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Management Board Meeting No. 252

MB noted current matters awaiting Ministerial decision.

9. AOB

MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES 16/05/2023

ATTENDANCE:

Chair –Mary Hurley – Secretary General; Fintan O’Brien – Assistant Secretary; Bairbre Nic Aongusa – Assistant Secretary and JP Mulherin – Assistant Secretary (Acting).

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

5. PRIORITY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 NATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE SITUATION UKRAINE

- The Secretary General updated MB on the Secretary General Group post-Cabinet meeting on 10 May re. Ukraine and
- Bairbre Nic Aongusa updated MB on the meeting of the Humanitarian Senior Officials Group meeting on the 10 May.

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 OTHER SIGNIFICANT UPDATES

MB members provided updates on a number of ongoing items in their areas, as follows.

- HR update;

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- Follow up material re. meeting of Public Accounts Committee on 30th March, which considered the 2021 Appropriation Account for the Department of Rural and Community Development;
- Audit issues Mayo Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme;
- DRCD Organisational Capability Review Report/Implementation plan.
- Meeting of the Joint Committee on Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and the Islands meeting of the Committee to discuss the “Safe Deposit Boxes and Related Deposits Bill 2022” (Private Members Bill) – 24th May;
- Protected Disclosure;
- BCPs;
- Community Recognition Fund;
- Agricultural Shows;
- RRDF;
- Our Rural Future Action Plan/Progress Report;
- SICAP;
- Community Development Pilot Programme;
- PPNs;
- National Philanthropy Policy;
- Library Strategy 2023 2027.

7. STANDING ITEMS

7.1 MINISTERIAL AND MANAGEMENT BOARD DIARIES

The diaries for the forthcoming fortnight, were noted.

7.2 GOVERNMENT MEMORANDA / CABINET SUBCOMMITTEES

MB noted current Government Business.

7.3 WEEKLY SCHEDULE (DÁIL, SEANAD AND COMMITTEES)

MB noted the Oireachtas schedule for the next week.

7.4 SOG'S / CABINET COMMITTEES

No issues arising.

7.5 MINISTERIAL SUBMISSIONS

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Management Board Meeting No. 253

MB noted current matters awaiting Ministerial decision.

9. AOB

MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES 23/05/2023

ATTENDANCE:

Chair –Mary Hurley – Secretary General; Fintan O’Brien – Assistant Secretary; Bairbre Nic Aongusa – Assistant Secretary and JP Mulherin – Assistant Secretary (Acting).

Jake Ryan, Principal Officer, Regional Development and Innovation Unit and Geraldine Crean Regional Development and Innovation Unit, attended for agenda item 4.1.

Dympna Harney, Principal Officer, LEADER Unit; Mary Byrne, Assistant Principal Officer, LEADER Unit; Pat Henry, Assistant Principal Officer, LEADER Unit, Brendan Lynn, Higher Executive Officer and Colin Lavelle, Administrative Officer, LEADER Unit, attended for agenda item no. 4.2.

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 CONNECEDHUBS.IE

Jake Ryan and Geraldine Crean updated MB on the proposal to procure a consultant to undertake a feasibility study to expand the connectedhub.ie.

MB discussed and approved procurement of a consultant to undertake a feasibility study into the potential to expansion of the connectedhubs.ie

4.2 LEADER PROGRAMME

Dympna Harney, Mary Byrne, Pat Henry, Brendan Lynn and Colin Lavelle, updated MB on the 2023-2027 LEADER Programme.

- MB approved the proposal for the development a new IT system to enable the implementation of the 2023-2027 LEADER Programme. MB noted that a request in relation to this matter will be submitted to the Digital Government Oversight Unit as per Circular 14/2021: and
- MB discussed and approved the proposal in relation the LEADER Food Initiative.

5. PRIORITY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 NATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE SITUATION UKRAINE

- The Secretary General updated MB on the Secretary General Group post-Cabinet meeting on 17 May re. Ukraine and
- Bairbre Nic Aongusa updated MB on the meeting of the Humanitarian Senior Officials Group meeting on the 17 May.

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 OTHER SIGNIFICANT UPDATES

MB members provided updates on a number of ongoing items in their areas, as follows.

- National Philanthropy Policy;
- Islands Policy 2023 2025;
- Community Development Project (CDP) Pilot Programme;
- Library Strategy;
- CSP;
- MB workshop in Furbo 10 July and visit to projects on the 11 July;
- Update on meeting of the Joint Committee on Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and the Islands meeting of the Committee to discuss the “Safe Deposit Boxes and Related Deposits Bill 2022” (Private Members Bill) – 24th May;
- HR update;
- Our People Strategy 2023 2025 (one of the themes HR Business Partnering/Building Workforce Capability/Promoting a People Focussed Culture/Leading in New Ways of Working);
- DRCD attendance at meeting on the 5th July of the Committee on the Irish Language, Gaeltacht and the Irish-speaking Community;
- Outdoor Recreation and Infrastructure Scheme 2023;
- Agricultural shows;
- Local Improvement Scheme;

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- Community Recognition Fund;
- RRDF;
- Our Rural Future Action Plan/Progress Report;
- Organisational Capability Review;
- SMT meeting 1 June;
- MB meeting with CCMA – Rural Development, Community, Culture Heritage (RCCH) Committee on the 1 June.

7. STANDING ITEMS

7.1 MINISTERIAL AND MANAGEMENT BOARD DIARIES

The diaries for the forthcoming fortnight, were noted.

7.2 GOVERNMENT MEMORANDA / CABINET SUBCOMMITTEES

MB noted current Government Business.

7.3 WEEKLY SCHEDULE (DÁIL, SEANAD AND COMMITTEES)

MB noted the Oireachtas schedule for the next week.

7.4 SOG'S / CABINET COMMITTEES

No issues arising.

7.5 MINISTERIAL SUBMISSIONS

MB noted current matters awaiting Ministerial decision.

9. AOB

MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES 30/05/2023

ATTENDANCE:

Chair –Mary Hurley – Secretary General; Fintan O’Brien – Assistant Secretary; Bairbre Nic Aongusa – Assistant Secretary and JP Mulherin – Assistant Secretary (Acting).

Secretariat: Adrian Rafferty

1. STATEMENT OF INTEREST

No conflicts.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting, were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING

4. MATTERS FOR DECISION

5. PRIORITY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 NATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE SITUATION UKRAINE

- The Secretary General updated MB on the Secretary General Group post-Cabinet meeting on 24 May re. Ukraine and
- Bairbre Nic Aongusa updated MB on the meeting of the Humanitarian Senior Officials Group meeting on the 24 May.

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 OTHER SIGNIFICANT UPDATES

MB members provided updates on a number of ongoing items in their areas, as follows.

- Principal Officer expenditure group meeting 12th June;
- Our Living Islands;

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- CSP;
- Charities (Amendment) Bill 2023;
- Pobal;
- Libraries Strategy 2023- 2027;
- Control of dogs S.I.;
- Update on meeting of the Joint Committee on Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and the Islands meeting of the Committee to discuss the “Safe Deposit Boxes and Related Deposits Bill 2022” (Private Members Bill) – 24th May;
- WDC;
- Town Centre First;
- Our Rural Future Roadshow;
- HR Update;
- Statement of Strategy 2023 - 2025;
- MinMB meeting 13 June.
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7. STANDING ITEMS

7.1 MINISTERIAL AND MANAGEMENT BOARD DIARIES

The diaries for the forthcoming fortnight, were noted.

7.2 GOVERNMENT MEMORANDA / CABINET SUBCOMMITTEES

MB noted current Government Business.

7.3 WEEKLY SCHEDULE (DÁIL, SEANAD AND COMMITTEES)

MB noted the Oireachtas schedule for the next week.

7.4 SOG'S / CABINET COMMITTEES

No issues arising.

7.5 MINISTERIAL SUBMISSIONS

MB noted current matters awaiting Ministerial decision.

9. AOB

MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES 14/06/2023

ATTENDANCE:

Chair –Mary Hurley – Secretary General; Fintan O’Brien – Assistant Secretary; Bairbre Nic Aongusa – Assistant Secretary.

Apologies JP Mulherin – Assistant Secretary (Acting).

Kenneth Jordan, Principal Officer, Finance and Evaluation Unit; Seamus Concagh, Assistant Principal Officer, Finance and Evaluation Unit; John Orme, Assistant Principal Officer, Finance and Evaluation Unit and Stephen Brady Assistant Principal Officer, Finance and Evaluation Unit, attended for agenda item no. 6.2

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

5. PRIORITY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 NATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE SITUATION UKRAINE

- The Secretary General updated MB on the Secretary General Group post-Cabinet meeting on 8 June re. Ukraine and
- Bairbre Nic Aongusa updated MB on the meeting of the Humanitarian Senior Officials Group meeting on the 7 June.

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 UPDATE ON INSPECTOR BY THE DEPARTMENT IN COUNTY MAYO

Deirdre Kelly and Clodagh McDonnell, updated MB on inspections carried out on projects funded by the Department in County Mayo.

6.2 FINANCE UPDATE

MB discussed and noted the finance update for end of May 2023.

6.1 OTHER SIGNIFICANT UPDATES

MB members provided updates on a number of ongoing items in their areas, as follows.

- Leadership Programme;
- Statements Dáil on the 14th June re. Our Rural Future Policy;
- Control of dogs Statutory Instrument
- Charities (Amendment) Bill 2023;
- RRDF;
- Town and Village Renewal Scheme;
- CLÁR,
- Agricultural Shows.

7. STANDING ITEMS

7.1 MINISTERIAL AND MANAGEMENT BOARD DIARIES

The diaries for the forthcoming fortnight, were noted.

7.2 GOVERNMENT MEMORANDA / CABINET SUBCOMMITTEES

MB noted current Government Business.

7.3 WEEKLY SCHEDULE (DÁIL, SEANAD AND COMMITTEES)

MB noted the Oireachtas schedule for the next week.

7.4 SOG'S / CABINET COMMITTEES

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Management Board Meeting No. 256

No issues arising.

7.5 MINISTERIAL SUBMISSIONS

MB noted current matters awaiting Ministerial decision.

9. AOB

MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES 20/06/2023

ATTENDANCE:

Chair –Mary Hurley – Secretary General; Fintan O’Brien – Assistant Secretary; Bairbre Nic Aongusa – Assistant Secretary.

Apologies JP Mulherin – Assistant Secretary (Acting).

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 Procurement of new service provider for the provision of time and attendance clocking system for Department

MB approved the proposal to procure a new service provider for the provision of a Time and Attendance (T&A) Clocking System for the Department.

5. PRIORITY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 OTHER SIGNIFICANT UPDATES

MB members provided updates on a number of ongoing items in their areas, as follows.

- MB noted the success of the final event of the leadership development programme on the 15th of June. MB expressed their appreciation of the excellent work of all personnel involved in the leadership programme;

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- Statements Dáil on the 14th June re. Our Rural Future Policy;
- Charities (Amendment) Bill 2023;
- RRDF;
- CIÁR;
- Community Recognition Fund;
- Comhairle na Tuaithe Annual Report for the period 2021 – 2022;
- Summer Promotional Campaign for Connected Hubs;
- European Social Fund Plus;
- SICAP;
- Community Support Fund
- Library Strategy;
- Humanitarian Senior Officials Group meeting on the 14 June;
- LEADER Programme.

7. STANDING ITEMS

7.1 MINISTERIAL AND MANAGEMENT BOARD DIARIES

The diaries for the forthcoming fortnight, were noted.

7.2 GOVERNMENT MEMORANDA / CABINET SUBCOMMITTEES

MB noted current Government Business.

7.3 WEEKLY SCHEDULE (DÁIL, SEANAD AND COMMITTEES)

MB noted the Oireachtas schedule for the next week.

7.4 SOG'S / CABINET COMMITTEES

No issues arising.

7.5 MINISTERIAL SUBMISSIONS

MB noted current matters awaiting Ministerial decision.

9. AOB

MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES 27/06/2023

ATTENDANCE:

Chair –Mary Hurley – Secretary General; Bairbre Nic Aongusa – Assistant Secretary and JP Mulherin – Assistant Secretary (Acting).

Jake Ryan, Principal Officer, Corporate Strategy and Communications unit, attended for agenda item no. 5.1.

Kieran Moylan, Principal Officer, Libraries Development and Communities Policy Unit and Deirdre Kearney, Assistant Principal Officer, Libraries Development and Communities Policy Unit, attended for agenda item no. 5.2.

Apologies: Fintan O'Brien – Assistant Secretary

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 CONTRACT FOR PROVISION OF A HEAVY CARGO SERVICE FOR OILEÁIN ÁRAINN

MB approved the award of a contract to an organisation for the provision of a heavy cargo service for Oileáin Árann.

5. PRIORITY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 OFFICIAL LANGUAGES ACTS 2003 AND 2021

Jake Ryan updated MB on the provision of services through Irish as per Official Languages Acts 2003 and 2021.

5.2 UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS – REVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMME

Kieran Moylan and Deirdre Kearney updated MB on the status of the implementation of the recommendations of the review of the community services programme by Indecon.

MB discussed and noted the update on the implementation of the review of the Community Services Programme.

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 OTHER SIGNIFICANT UPDATES

MB members provided updates on a number of ongoing items in their areas, as follows.

PEACEPLUS Programme;
National Public Library Strategy 2023-2027;
Charities (Amendment) Bill 2023;
Charities Regulator;
Charities Appeals Tribunal;
Dormant Accounts Annual Report 2022;
Project Oversight Unit;
DRCD Statement of Strategy 2023 2027;
DRCD Annual Report 2022;
HR Update;
Departmental Council meeting on 21 June;
CSMB meeting on the 23 June.

7. STANDING ITEMS

7.1 MINISTERIAL AND MANAGEMENT BOARD DIARIES

Department of Rural and Community Development
Management Board Meeting No. 258

The diaries for the forthcoming fortnight, were noted.

7.2 GOVERNMENT MEMORANDA / CABINET SUBCOMMITTEES

MB noted current Government Business.

7.3 WEEKLY SCHEDULE (DÁIL, SEANAD AND COMMITTEES)

MB noted the Oireachtas schedule for the next week.

7.4 SOG'S / CABINET COMMITTEES

No issues arising.

7.5 MINISTERIAL SUBMISSIONS

MB noted current matters awaiting Ministerial decision.

9. AOB