

MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES 4/1/2023

ATTENDANCE:

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

Secretariat Lynda Crawford

1. STATEMENT OF INTEREST

No conflicts.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

3. MATTERS ARISING

4. MATTERS FOR DECISION

5. PRIORITY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 NATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE SITUATION UKRAINE

- Bairbre Nic Aongusa updated MB on the meeting of Humanitarian Senior Officials’ Group on the 4th January.

• 5.2 DRCD PLANNING AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION

JP Mulherin updated MB on the proposed Department’s structural and resourcing changes based on the outcome of previous discussions and consultation on the Review of Capital Support Schemes for Rural Areas and a collective consideration of workforce planning requests.

MB discussed the proposed changes and approved the proposed restructuring and the proposed allocation of additional resources.

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.2 OTHER SIGNIFICANT UPDATES

Department of Rural and Community Development
Management Board Meeting No. 237

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

- Noted Minister Humphreys will attend the “ZFLE Rural Development Conference 2023” on the 25th January;
- LEADER Programme;
- Community Solidarity and Recognition Fund;
- National Hub Network Interdepartmental Working Group meeting on the 19th January;
- Libraries Capital Programme 2023-2027;
- Charities Regulator;
- Support transport services to the offshore islands;
- Control of Dogs Acts 1986 to 2014/ Control of Dogs Regulations 1998;
- HR Update: and
- Business Plans 2023.

6.3 POBAL OVERSIGHT AGREEMENT 2023-2027

MB noted the Pobal Oversight Agreement 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 Dáil Éireann resumes on the 18th January and Seanad Éireann resumes on the 24th January.

7.4 SOG'S / CABINET COMMITTEES

No issues arising.

7.5 MINISTERIAL SUBMISSIONS

MB noted current matters awaiting Ministerial decision.

9. AOB

MB noted requirement re. Statutory Instrument, Delegation of Ministerial Functions) Order (section 2 (1) of the Ministers and Secretaries (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 1977 (No. 28 of 1977)).

MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES 10/1/2023

ATTENDANCE:

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

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

Clodagh McDonnell, Principal Officer, Organisational Development and HR, attended for agenda item no. 4.1.

Secretariat Lynda Crawford

1. STATEMENT OF INTEREST

No conflicts.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

3. MATTERS ARISING

4. MATTERS FOR DECISION

4.1 PROTECTED DISCLOSURES POLICY

Clodagh McDonnell updated MB on the implications for the Department of the Protected Disclosures (Amendment) Act 2022

MB approved the review and update of Dept’s website, in relation to this matter and the review and update of the Department Protected Disclosures Policy.

5. PRIORITY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 NATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE SITUATION UKRAINE

Department of Rural and Community Development
Management Board Meeting No. 238

- The Secretary General updated MB on the Secretary General Group post-Cabinet meeting on 5 January re. Ukraine;
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- Bairbre Nic Aongusa updated MB on the meeting of Ukrainian Stakeholder meeting on 5th January.

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 OTHER SIGNIFICANT UPDATES

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

- Leader programme;
- Community Solidarity and Recognition Fund;
- HR Update;
- People Strategy 2022-2025;
- Civil Service Excellence Awards;
- Statutory Instrument, Delegation of Ministerial Functions) Order (section 2 (1) of the Ministers and Secretaries (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 1977 (No. 28 of 1977)) - Joe O'Brien, T.D., Minister of State at the Dept of Rural and Community Development as per Government decision of the 21st December 2022;
- The Control of Dogs Acts 1986 to 2014 and The Control of Dogs Regulations 1998;
- Libraries Capital Programme 2023-2027;
- Charities Regulator;
- Charities (Amendment) Bill 2023 and
- National Funding Platform.

6.2 FINANCE UPDATE

MB discussed and noted the Finance Update for end of 2022.

6.3 FOI REPORT

MB noted the FOI Report.

6.4 PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIONS REPORT

MB noted the parliamentary Representation Report.

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 Dáil Éireann resumes on the 18th January and Seanad Éireann resumes on the 24th January.

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 17/1/2023

ATTENDANCE:

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

Kieran Moylan, Principal Officer, Libraries Development and Communities Policy Unit and Deirdre Kearney, Libraries Development and Communities Policy Unit attended for agenda item 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 INTEGRATED REPORTING AND INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR SICAP

MB approved the proposed re-development of the Integrated Reporting and Information System for SICAP and noted that SICAP will request sanction from DPER’s Digital Governance Oversight Unit (DGOU), in relation to this matter.

MB noted that SICAP unit will consult with the Inspection Compliance and Business Development Unit and LEADER Unit, in relation to this matter.

4.2 LIBRARIES STRATEGY 2023 2027

Deirdre Kearney and Kieran Moylan updated MB on the draft Libraries Strategy 2023 -2027.

MB discussed and approved, with minor amendments, the draft Libraries Strategy 2023 2027, subject to Ministerial approval.

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 11 January re. Ukraine;
- Noted update on Humanitarian Senior Officials Group meeting on the 11th January.

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 OTHER SIGNIFICANT UPDATES

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

- Community & Voluntary Energy Support Scheme (CVESS);
- CSP;
- The Control of Dogs Acts 1986 to 2014 and The Control of Dogs Regulations 1998;
- Support transport services to the offshore islands;
- Charities Regulator;
- Proposed structural and resourcing changes based on the outcome of discussions and consultation on the “Review of Capital Support Schemes for Rural Areas” report and a collective consideration of resource requests based on the Workforce Planning (WFP) exercise;
- HR Update;
- Minister Humphrey’s attendance at Joint Oireachtas Committee on Social Protection, Rural and Community Development, and the Islands – 1st February to discuss and seek approval for the Revised Estimate 2023 for the Department of Rural and Community Development.
- Leadership programme
- Draft calendar of the timing of calls for proposal for 24 months;
- Leader programme;
- Community Solidarity and Recognition Fund;

- Ministers attendance on the 25/26 January ZFLE Rural Development Conference 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 24/1/2023

ATTENDANCE:

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

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 18 January re. Ukraine;
- Noted update on Humanitarian Senior Officials Group meeting on the 18th January.

5.2 DRCD STATEMENT OF STRATEGY 2023 - 2025

MB discussed the preparation of the Department’s Statement of Strategy covering the three-year period 2023 - 2025.

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 OTHER SIGNIFICANT UPDATES

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

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- Community Recognition Fund;
- LEADER Programme;
- Draft calendar of the timing of calls for proposal for 24 months;
- Local Improvement Scheme;
- Walks Scheme;

- Order for the delegation of certain Ministerial functions to Minister of State Joe O’Brien, T.D., Minister of State for Community Development and Charities, under Ministers and Secretaries (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 1997;

- Order under Section 11(1) of the Public Service Management Act 1997 to appoint special advisor to the Minister for Rural and Community Development;

- Minister Humphrey’s attendance at Joint Oireachtas Committee on Social Protection, Rural and Community Development, and the Islands – 1st February to discuss and seek approval for the Revised Estimate 2023 for the Department of Rural and Community Development.

- Ministerial Management Board meeting 2nd of February;

- Protected Disclosures Legislation;

- SMT meeting 1st of February;

- Cabinet Committee on Housing on the 30th January;

- HR Update;

- Community & Voluntary Energy Support Scheme (CVESS);

- CSP;

- DRCD attendance at meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine, to discuss the topics of Dangerous Dog Breeds & Sheep Worrying on the 1st February;
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- The Control of Dogs Acts 1986 to 2014 and The Control of Dogs Regulations 1998;

- Charities (Amendment) Bill 2023.

- Interdepartmental Group on Local Government;

- SICAP;

- Mayo County Council audit issues re. Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme.

6.2 AUDIT OF ACCOUNT FOR VOTE 42 APPROPRIATION ACCUONTS - 2022

MB noted the correspondence from Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General re. Audit of Accounts for Vote 42 Appropriation Account 2022.

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 31/1/2023

ATTENDANCE:

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

Apologies: Assistant Secretary, Fintan O'Brien.

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 25 January re. Ukraine;
- Noted update on Humanitarian Senior Officials Group meeting on the 25th January.

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 OTHER SIGNIFICANT UPDATES

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

- Draft calendar of the timing of calls for proposal for 24 months;

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- Charities (Amendment) Bill 2023;
- Libraries Strategy 2023 2027;
- SMT meeting 1 Feb 2023;
- Statement of Strategy 2023 2025;
- HR Update;
- MinMB meeting 2nd February;
- Minister Humphrey's attendance at Joint Oireachtas Committee on Social Protection, Rural and Community Development, and the Islands – 1st February to discuss and seek approval for the Revised Estimate 2023 for the Department of Rural and Community Development;
- Talent Management Programme;
- DRCD attendance at meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine, to discuss the topics of Dangerous Dog Breeds & Sheep Worrying on the 1st February;
- DAFEP Resource Guide Launch on the 2nd of February;
- Draft calendar of the timing of calls for proposal for 24 months.

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 7/02/2023

ATTENDANCE:

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

Apologies: JP Mulherin – Assistant Secretary (Acting).

Madge Deane, Assistant Principal Officer, HR and Clodagh McDonnell, Principal Officer, HR, attended for agenda item no.

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 FLEXI PILOT

Madge Deane and Clodagh McDonnell updated MB on the Department’s survey on flexi pilot.

MB noted and discussed the results of the Department’s flexi pilot.

MB agreed that the Department continue to maintain the current flexi pilot arrangement (flexi accrual in the office scenario only) and feedback its observations on the experience to-date, to DPER.

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 1 February re. Ukraine;
- Noted update on Humanitarian Senior Officials Group meeting on the 1 February.

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;
- LEADER Programme;
- Local Improvement Scheme;
- Walks Scheme;
- Libraries Strategy 2023 - 2027;
- Libraries Capital Programme 2023 – 2028;
- PPN Awareness Campaign 21st February;
- Water Safety Ireland;
- The Control of Dogs Acts 1986 to 2014 and The Control of Dogs Regulations 1998.

6.2 DRAFT CALENDAR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 24TH MONTHS

Fintan O'Brien updated MB on the draft calendar for capital investment programme for the next 24 months.

MB noted and discussed the draft calendar for capital investment programme for the next 24 months.

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 14/02/2023

ATTENDANCE:

Chair –Mary Hurley – Secretary General; Bairbre Nic Aongusa – Assistant Secretary and Assistant Secretary, Fintan O’Brien 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 8 February re. Ukraine;
- Noted update on C&V Stakeholders meeting on the 9th February;
- Noted update on Humanitarian Senior Officials Group meeting on the 13 February.

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 OTHER SIGNIFICANT UPDATES

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

- DRCD attendance at SOG Sub Group on Community Engagement on the 20th February;
- Libraries Strategy 2023 - 2027;
- PPN Awareness Campaign on the 21st of February;

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- National Philanthropy Policy;
- European Social Fund Plus (ESF+);
- Islands Policy;
- Local Improvement Scheme;
- Social Enterprise;
- Calendar of capital investment programme 24th Months;
- Meeting of the mobile phone taskforce on the 15th February;
- Leadership Programme;
- HR Update;
- Meeting on 21st re. Local Government Framework;
- Noted Government decisions in relation to the delegation of Functions to Minister of State; appointment of Special Adviser to Minister and appointment of Special Adviser to Minister of State.

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 22/02/2023

ATTENDANCE:

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

Madge Deane, Assistant Principal Officer, HR and Clodagh McDonnell, Principal Officer, HR attended for agenda item no. 4.1.

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

4.1 IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR PEOPLE STRATEGY 2023-2025

Clodagh McDonnell and Madge Deane update MB on the proposed implementation plan for Our People Strategy 2023-2025.

MB discussed and approved the implementation plan for Our People Strategy 2023-2025.

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 15 February re. Ukraine;
- Noted update on Humanitarian Senior Officials Group meeting on the 15 February.

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 OTHER SIGNIFICANT UPDATES

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

- Calendar of Scheme Announcements;
- Public Accounts Committee meeting on the 30 March;
- Business Requirement Specifications - Programme Information Management System;
- DRCD Statement of Strategy 2023 2025;
- HR update;
- HSOG Communications and Community Engagement Subgroup - Tuesday 21st February;
- Control of Dogs Acts 1986 to 2014/ Control of Dogs Regulations 1998;
- Islands Policy;
- Community Centre Investment Fund;
- PPN awareness campaign 21 Feb;
- Community and Voluntary Energy Support Scheme;
- CSP;
- Building Acquisition - Town and Village Renewal Scheme;
- National Social Enterprise Policy;
- RRDF;
- Our Rural Future - Progress Report;
- 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 28/02/2023

ATTENDANCE:

Chair –Mary Hurley – Secretary General; Bairbre Nic Aongusa – Assistant Secretary and Assistant Secretary, Fintan O’Brien 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 22 February re. Ukraine;
- Noted update on Humanitarian Senior Officials Group meeting on the 22 February.

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 OTHER SIGNIFICANT UPDATES

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

- Islands Policy;
- Control of Dogs Acts 1986 to 2014/ Control of Dogs Regulations 1998;

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- Community and Voluntary Energy Support Scheme;
- Charities (Amendment) Bill 2023;
- CSP;
- LEADER Programme;
- National Social Enterprise Policy;
- Building Acquisition - Town and Village Renewal Scheme;
- RRDF;
- Cabinet committee on housing 2nd March;
- Business plan meetings in Ballina on the 3rd of March;
- Meeting of Committee of Public Accounts on 30 March – Appropriation Accounts 2021 (Vote 42) and Report on the Accounts of the Public Services 2021 (Chapter 6. Central Government funding of local authorities);
- Business Requirement Specifications - Programme Information Management System;
- Joint Committee on Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and the Islands - The Department’s Progress on the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals”, on Wednesday, 1 March;
- HR update;
- International Women’s day - ‘Embracing Equity’ on 8th March.

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 8/03/2023

ATTENDANCE:

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

Apologies: Bairbre Nic Aongusa – Assistant Secretary

Jake Ryan, Principal Officer, Regional Development and Innovation and Timothy Ollry, Assistant Principal Officer, Regional Development and Innovation, attended for agenda item no. 4.1.

Deirdre Maloney, Principal Officer, Investment Programmes & Outdoor Recreation and Deirdre Kelly, Principal Officer, Inspection, Compliance and Business Development Unit, attended for agenda item no. 6.2.

Deirdre Kelly, Higher Executive Officer, Inspection, Compliance and Business Development Unit and Deirdre Kelly, Principal Officer, Inspection, Compliance and Business Development Unit, attended for agenda item no. 6.3.

Secretariat Lynda Crawford

1. STATEMENT OF INTEREST

No conflicts.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

3. MATTERS ARISING

4. MATTERS FOR DECISION

4.1 PROCUREMENT OF RETAIL SERVICE PROVIDER AND FIREWALL AND MANAGED FIREWALL SERVICE FOR BCPS.

Jake Ryan and Timothy Ollry updated MB on the proposed procurement of a retail service provider and firewall and managed firewall service for BCPS.

MB approved the procurement of a retail service provider and firewall and managed firewall service for BCPS.

4.2 FERRY SERVICE CONTRACT FOR OILEÁIN THÓRAÍ (TORY ISLAND) 2023 - 2028

MB approved the proposed award of the contract for the provision of a ferry and light cargo service, for Oileáin Thoraí for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2028.

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 22 February re. Ukraine;
- Noted update on Humanitarian Senior Officials Group meeting on the 1 March;
- Noted update on C&V Stakeholder meeting on Ukraine Response on 1st of March.

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 OTHER SIGNIFICANT UPDATES

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

- Community Centre Investment Fund;
- CLÁR;
- Western Development Commission;
- North and Western Regional Assembly;
- LEADER Programme;
- RRDF;
- Islands Policy;
- Control of Dogs Acts 1986 to 2014/ Control of Dogs Regulations 1998;
- Women's Sheds;
- HR update;
- Departmental council meeting on the 7th march;
- Leadership programme;
- Shared Island Initiative.

6.2 MAYO AUDIT ISSUES – OUTDOOR RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE SCHEME

Deirdre Kelly and Deirdre Maloney updated MB on the status of Mayo Audit issues - Outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme.

6.3 DEPARTMENTS PROGRAMME INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Deirdre Kelly and Deirdre Kelly updated MB on the current status of the development of the Departments programme information management system.

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 22/03/2023

ATTENDANCE:

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

John Ryan, Higher Executive Officer, Rural Strategy and Social Enterprise Unit and Richard Gavin, Assistant Principal Officer, Rural Strategy and Social Enterprise Unit attended for agenda item no. 4.1.

Ciara Bates, Principal Officer, C&V Supports and Programmes Unit; Kevin Power, Assistant Principal Officer, C&V Supports and Programmes Unit; Laure Garcia, Higher Executive Officer, C&V Supports and Programmes Unit; Deirdre Mortell, CEO, Rethink Ireland; Mario Vottero, Impact Director, Rethink Ireland; Madeleine Clarke, Executive Director, Genio, 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, with minor amendment.

3. MATTERS ARISING

4. MATTERS FOR DECISION

4.1. SOCIAL ENTERPRISE DATA COLLECTION REPORT

Richard Gavin and John Ryan provided an update on the Social Enterprise Data Collection Report. MB approved the Social Enterprise Data Collection Report.

John Ryan and Richard Gavin provided MB with an update on the development of the National Social Enterprise Policy 2023+ and the OECD review of Ireland’s social enterprise policy ecosystem.

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 22 February re. Ukraine;
- Noted update on Humanitarian Senior Officials Group meeting on the 22 March.

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 FUSE CoRá PROJECT

Deirdre Mortell, Mario Vottero and Madeleine Clarke, provided an update to MB on the FUSE/CoRá project. MB noted and discussed the update on the Fuse/CoRá project.

6.2 OTHER SIGNIFICANT UPDATES

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

- Public Accounts Committee meeting on the 30 March re. Appropriation Account 2021 – Vote 42 Rural and Community Development ;
- Mayo Audit issues – ORIS;
- Town and Village Renewal Scheme;
- 2023 Community Centre Investment Fund;
- National Ploughing Championships 2023;
- Our Rural Roadshow Sligo 31 March;
- Social Media Policy;
- HR update;
- Our People Strategy Thematic Working Groups;
- Control of Dogs Acts 1986 to 2014/ Control of Dogs Regulations 1998;
- Islands policy;
- Charities Regulator;
- Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe (CLRAE) – upcoming monitoring visit to Ireland, 4 to 6 April 2023;
- CLÁR;
- Our Rural Future Work Programme;
- RRDF;
- 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