



Irish Language Services Advisory Committee

Minutes - Meeting 16 – 10 June 2024

LOCATION: Held Virtually through Zoom

DATE: Monday, 10 June 2024

TIME: 15:00 – 16:30

PRESENT:

Name	Organisation	Role
Dr. Aodhán Mac Cormaic	Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht Sport and Media	Chairperson
John Howlin	Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform	Member
Orlaith Mannion (on behalf of Elaine Bird)	Department of Social Protection	Member
Stephen McGrath (on behalf of Mags Campbell)	Department of Education	Member
Sinéad Coleman	Public Appointments Service	Member
Breandán Mac Craith	Foras na Gaeilge	Member
John Prendergast	Gaeltacht Communities	Member
Mairéad Ní Ghabháin	Irish Speaking Communities Outside of the Gaeltacht	Member
Eithne Fox	Health Service Executive	Member
Jim Molloy	Local Government Management Agency	Member
Sadhbh Ó Cinnseala	Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media	Principal Officer of the Unit
Emily Maloney	Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media	Secretary

ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES:

- Superintendent David Kelly, representative of an Garda Síochána, was unable to attend the meeting.

KEY DECISIONS MADE:

- The minutes of the meeting on 27 May 2024 were agreed;
- It was agreed that the next meeting of the Advisory Committee would take place on Monday, 17 June 2024 at 10:30 and would be held virtually.

FULL AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. Welcome from the Chairperson:

- The meeting began with an opening statement from the Chairperson of the Committee, Dr. Aodhán Mac Cormaic.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

- The minutes of the meeting on 27 May 2024 were agreed.

3. Development of the National Plan:


- The timelines for completion and submission to the Minister of the National Plan were discussed, together with the proposed recommendations.

4. Commentary Regarding the Committee in the Media:

- It was stated that there were various relevant articles in the media since the last meeting, as follows:
 - An article dated 27 May 2024 on [Tuairisc.ie](https://www.tuairisc.ie) regarding the significant work to be undertaken to inform public bodies of the 20% recruitment target of the language legislation.
 - An article dated 5 June 2024 in the [Journal](#) regarding the Irish language in the European Union and a specific reference to the 20% recruitment target of the language legislation.
 - An article dated 5 June 2024 on [Tuairisc.ie](https://www.tuairisc.ie) regarding the commitments of the various parties in the local elections and a reference to the commitment of one party to “appoint a full-time Irish language officer and establish an Irish Language Committee in each local authority”.

5. Date of Next Meeting:

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Secretary

17 June 2024

Date of Approval