

Management Board Meeting Minutes
(in person and by skype)
Monday 20 February 2023 at 10.30 am

Attendance: Secretary General (Kevin McCarthy); Laura McGarrigle; Dermot Ryan; Anne-Marie Brooks; Colm O’Conaill; Carol Baxter, Sheenagh Rooney and Lara Hynes.

Miriam Kenna reporting.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of meeting of 07 February 2023 were agreed.

2. Matters Arising



Organisational Development - A reminder will be sent seeking a small number of nominees to ‘road-test’ a staff survey that REU will shortly roll out.

3. Ukrainian Crisis and International Protection updates

DR updated on the direct recruitment process for the Department, S Conry and A O’Leary are now leading on this, which may have an effect on L&D supports, at least in short term.

SR gave brief updates on the situation at present including:

- There were less BOTP arrivals than forecast over the weekend so accommodation is available at the moment, the situation continues to be closely monitored
- Work on new contracts continues.
- Additional resources have been added to payments and procurement
- Offers portal is working well with positive results
- Cabinet committee on Ukraine will be held on Thursday 23rd Feb.
- SOG and working groups continue to be attended
- Moving to medium term accommodation including refurbishment and modular homes is being worked on.

CB gave brief updates on International protection including:

- IP accommodation remains extremely problematic as numbers remain high
- Accommodation for single male applicants remains extremely difficult
- Legal action may be brought
- Community engagement as a “whole of Government” approach is being looked at, as community backlash and protests continue
- Longer term projects are being looked at, including a second transit hub.

KMcC gave a brief update from a meeting of Taoiseach and relevant Ministers which was also attended by relevant SGs. He said that the discussions included immediate IP accommodation crisis, payments to suppliers, long term outlook for BOTP’s and our legal obligation to IP applicants.

DR suggested marking the occasion of the first year anniversary of Ukraine invasion. KMcC said he would issue a mail to all staff and that an informal event to express appreciation all in person may be held in the near future.

4. For noting

The papers circulated under this heading were noted by MB members, with particular attention to be given to FOI.

LMcG reminded MB that Research club on Geo Hive and geographic information system (GIS) would take place on Wednesday 22nd February.

SR referenced discussion with C&AG in relation to procurement. It was agreed to arrange a separate discussion with relevant colleagues.

LH noted that Tusla is today announcing the commencement of a notification programme to contact people whose personal information was affected by the criminal cyber-attack on (HSE) servers, in May 2021.

DR asked that it be noted that invoice payments for 2022 needed to be completed in order to sign off on the 2022 appropriation accounts.

5. AOB

KMcC indicated intention to schedule LEADS meetings with MB members as part of the LEADS/PMDS process for 2023.

Status of HR work-force planning 2023 was noted. HR due to submit a paper to the SG shortly and it was agreed to arrange a MB discussion when this is available.

6. Next Meeting

The next MB meeting was confirmed for 6th March 2023.