

Management Board Meeting Minutes
(in person and by skype)
Monday 12 June 2023 at 10.30 am

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

Apologies from Carol Baxter and Lara Hynes.

Miriam Kenna reporting.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of meeting of 29th May 2023 were agreed.

2. Matters Arising

Org Development - Expressions of interests have been received, meetings for the relevant groups will now progress with a view to holding an online town hall meeting for all staff in July.

3. Ukrainian Crisis and International Protection updates

SR gave brief update on the Ukraine BOTP situation at present including:

- BOTP accommodation availability remains steady. The situation is being kept under review.
- Student accommodation now being used
- First modular homes are being handed over in Mahon Cork.
- Ongoing issues continue to be worked on
- Finance and payments continue to work well.
- DCDIY/DPER engaging on Vote Re: POD finances

KMcC (in CB’s absence) gave brief updates on International protection including:

- Unaccommodated IP applicant numbers have reduced significantly.
- although overall accommodation problems remain acute, there is more accommodation coming on stream

4. Family Support Paper

Ciara Pidgeon joined the meeting for this item. A paper had been circulated to MB prior to the meeting.

CP gave an overview of Tusla family support services; other commissioned services; the main initiatives underway including a mapping exercise to identify all services available and where some of the funding comes from.

CP noted that the Research and Evaluation Unit undertook a spending review of Tusla Funded Community and Voluntary Sector Family Support Services, which was published in January this year. Recommendations arising from this aim to strengthen monitoring and evaluation processes.

MB thanked CP for her presentation and expressed support for the direction being taken.

5. Tusla Performance Framework

David Byrne joined the meeting for this item. A paper had been circulated to the MB prior to the meeting.

He outlined how the Performance framework fits into the overall accountability and funding for Tusla and how Tusla's work impacts across each area of the Department's brief.

He also briefed on the process for developing the framework, performance oversight and areas of interest to the Minister.

Following discussion on priorities and approach to finalising the framework, the MB thanked DB and his team for their work on this.

6. MB role in the development of a new Statement of Strategy

Andrew Patterson updated on the progress of the Statement of Strategy and advised on next steps in its development.

Following MB discussion, it was agreed that AP will arrange a short call with each member of the Management Board over the next few days with a view to agreeing a final updated version of the Department's High Level Objectives ahead of planned workshops with Divisional representatives on actions for inclusion.

AP will forward an advanced draft new set of Objectives for noting at the MB meeting on 26 June.

7. For noting

The papers circulated under this heading were noted by MB members.

8. AOB

MB congratulated the team involved in the "First 5 Garden of Wonder and Discovery" at this year's Bord Bia Bloom Festival, they won three awards - Gold Medal, Best in Category (Large Garden) and Best Planting Scheme.

They also congratulated colleagues in Oberstown Children Detention Campus and Tusla Fostering on their achievements at the Festival, with the "Rise Garden" and "The Raising Amazing Garden by Tusla Fostering" both were awarded a silver medal.

Interviews for the positions of AP have completed and panel will be issued shortly.

AMB noted the Minister's interest in EY applying for unspent funds from the Temporary Business Energy Support Scheme (TBESS).

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Next Meeting

The next MB meeting will be Monday 26th June 2023.