

Management Board Meeting Minutes
(in person and by skype)
Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 2.30pm

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

Apologies from Anne-Marie Brooks and Carol Baxter

Miriam Kenna reporting.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of meeting of 26 June 2023 were agreed.

2. Ukrainian Crisis and International Protection updates

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

- BOTP accommodation availability remains steady but the situation is being kept under review as arrival numbers continue to increase.
- Update given on recent Cabinet Committee
- Work of new dedicated team on compliance issues noted

KMcC gave brief updates on International protection including:

- All unaccommodated IP applicants have now been offered accommodation
- Numbers applying trending upwards
- Judicial review cases hearing adjourned to the 26 July for lead cases to be identified. The hearing of lead cases will be on 7 November 23.

3. Office Accommodation Overview

Simon Conry and Graeme McBrearty joined the meeting for this item. A paper had been circulated to MB prior to the meeting.

SC and GMcB gave a presentation on accommodation needs and the desk allocation plans for the department.

It was noted that a pilot desk booking system would be introduced for PO offices; a presentation would be made to the SMT at their next meeting.

MB discussed the impact of projected numbers growth and expiry of lease on Montague Court in 2025.

It was agreed that a further paper would be prepared to enable early engagement with OPW on future needs.

MB thanked SC and GMcB for their very informative presentation.

4. For noting

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

Recent discussions on the gender equality referendum noted.

SMT meeting on Friday 14th July will be centred on the Department’s draft Digital Strategy.

5. AOB

MB congratulated LMcG and her team on the completion of the Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme legislation, which has been passed by the Houses of the Oireachtas and now signed into law by the President.

MB recorded their sincere condolences to their colleague and friend Carol Baxter on the recent death of her mother, Helen Baxter R.I.P.

Next Meeting

The next MB meeting will be on Monday 24th July 2023 at 10.30.