

Management Board Meeting Minutes
Monday 25th September 2023 @ 10.00am
3rd Floor meeting room Montague Court

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

Apologies from Lara Hynes and Carol Baxter

Miriam Kenna reporting.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of meeting of 11th September 2023 were agreed.

Matters Arising

The Civil Service Employee Engagement Survey has been extended by one week. The survey will now close on Friday 29th September. KMcC asked all A Secs to encourage all staff to complete the survey.

2. Ukrainian Crisis and International Protection updates

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

- BOTP arrival numbers remain high adding to the very challenging accommodation situation.
- Short term tented accommodation is being used.
- Contingency for short term accommodation is being considered
- SOG will be attended by officials Wed 27th ahead of Cabinet Committee on Humanitarian Response to Ukraine on the 11th Oct.
Briefing is being prepared for these with emphasis on policy changes.

DD gave an update on the IP situation at present including:

- Arrivals remain high.
- Accommodation becoming available in the next 4/5 weeks but outlook beyond that is very uncertain
- Contingency planning for IP continues
- Community Engagement team is now active
- Updated on pending court cases
- Exploring options that can be considered within legislation to meet basic needs of IP applicants.

3. Access and Inclusion Unit - Equal Participation Model Project (EPM)

Mark Considine joined the meeting for this item. A paper was circulated to MB prior to the meeting. AMB opened the item and MC explained the background to the EPM project explaining that this is based on a First 5 commitment to narrow the gap for children experiencing economic and social disadvantage.

He gave an update of where the project is now and it's proposed progression.

MB members provided input, feedback, and support for the project.

4. Estimates Update:

Gordon Gaffney joined the meeting to give MB an update on the estimate process and the recent bi-lateral meetings with DPENDR.

A review of all areas asks has been carried out in order to reduce the overall ask for ELS.

Further meetings will be held with DPENDR officials this week. A Ministerial bi-lateral will take place on the 4th Oct.

Preparation for a supplementary budget continues.

5. Organisational Development Update

Kate Levey attended for this item. She gave an update on the status of task group outputs to date.

A draft report will be circulated to MB ahead of the planned session with task groups on 4 October.

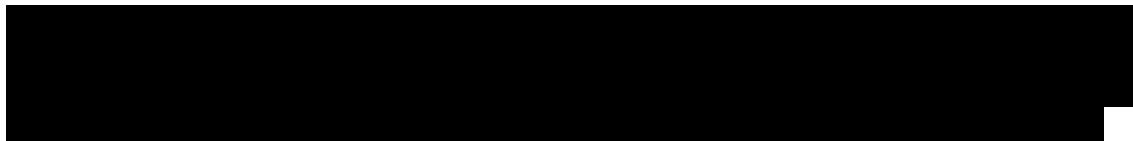
MB agreed have a dedicated discussion after the presentations on the 4th of October.

The Town Hall has been confirmed for the 17th October.

6. For noting

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

AMB updated on the Federation of Early Childcare Providers planned closures.



7. AOB

Appropriation accounts for year ended 31 December 2022 have been signed off by the Secretary General.

Section 39 Pay Claim: The ballots of union members in a selection of section 39 and 56 organisations concluded on 18th September.

Next Meeting

The next MB meeting will be on Monday 9th October at 10.30am.