Department of Rural and Community Development Management Board Meeting No. 99

MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES 4/11/2019

ATTENDANCE:

Chair – Kevin McCarthy - Secretary General; William Parnell – Assistant Secretary, Sheenagh Rooney - Assistant Secretary and Bairbre NicAongusa - Assistant Secretary.

Eddie Forsyth, Principal Officer, Rural Fund and Corporate Support Unit attended for item 4.1.

Kenneth Jordan, Finance Officer and David O'Connor, Assistant Principal Officer, Finance and Evaluation Unit, attended for item 6.2.

Kevin Power, Assistant Principal Officer, Community and Voluntary Supports and Programmes and Caoimhin O'Tuathail, Executive Officer, Community and Voluntary Supports and Programmes, attended for item 6.3

Secretariat – Lynda Crawford

1. STATEMENT OF INTEREST

No conflicts.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with minor amendments.

3. MATTERS ARISING

4. MATTERS FOR DECISION

4.1 EMERGENCY PLANNING FRAMEWORK

MB approved the Emergency Planning Framework, with minor amendments.

MB noted that a redacted Emergency Planning Framework will be published on the intranet.

5. PRIORITY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 BREXIT

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MB discussed DRCD preparations for Brexit.

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 OTHER SIGNIFICANT UPDATES

MB members provided updates on a number of ongoing items in their areas, including, the LCDC Networking Event, 9th November 2019, Tullamore Court Hotel, launch of the 2019-2020 Be Winter-Ready Information Campaign on the 6th November, Charities (Amendment) Bill 2019, the National Volunteer Strategy, the National Social Enterprise Conference 21 November, Future Jobs Summit 7th November, Rural Policy 2020+, the scheduled announcement by Minister Ring of funding under the second call for Category 1 Projects under the RRDF on the 6th November in New Ross, Co. Wexford.

6.2 FINANCE UPDATE

The finance update was discussed and noted.

6.3 BIG HELLO FINAL REPORT

MB noted the success of the Big Hello 2019 and commended all personnel involved.

MB approved the Big Hello Final Report for submission to Minister Ring.

7. STANDING ITEMS

7.1 MINISTERIAL AND MANAGEMENT BOARD DIARIES

The diary for the forthcoming fortnight was noted.

7.2 GOVERNMENT MEMORANDA / CABINET SUBCOMMITTEES

MB noted current Government Business.

7.3 WEEKLY SCHEDULE (DÁIL, SEANAD AND COMMITTEES)

MB noted the Oireachtas schedule for the next fortnight.

7.4 SOG'S / CABINET COMMITTEES

No issues arising.

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Kevin McCarthy, Secretary General