

MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES 16/12/2019

ATTENDANCE:

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

Apologies - Bairbre NicAongusa - Assistant Secretary.

Eddie Forsyth, Principal Officer, Rural Fund and Corporate Supports Unit and Mark Ryan, Assistant Principal Officer, Rural Fund and Corporate Supports Unit, attended for 4.1 and 6.2

Secretariat – Sophie Byrne

1. STATEMENT OF INTEREST

No conflicts.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting to be circulated to Management Board Members.

3. MATTERS ARISING

4. MATTERS FOR DECISION

4.1 COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

Eddie Forsyth and Mark Ryan provided detailed information to MB on the current draft DRCD Communications Strategy.

A communications update was provided which highlighted communications activities delivered in 2019 including press releases, rural opportunities, National Ploughing Championship, Social Enterprise Launch. MB members noted the success of the communications unit in 2019.

5. PRIORITY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 BREXIT

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 Rural Policy, Rural Regeneration and Development Fund, Organisational Capacity Review, Volunteering policy, Water Safety Ireland.

MB Members noted the success of Innovation week with a thanks to Brendan Brady for organising.

6.2 EMERGENCY PLANNING FRAMEWORK WALK-THROUGH

Mark Ryan gave an update on the finalised Emergency Planning Framework Walk-through. MB members agreed the protocols and procedures.

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

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