

MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES 8/5/2018

ATTENDANCE:

Chair – Kevin McCarthy - Secretary General, William Parnell - Assistant Secretary

Secretariat – Lynda Crawford

Clodagh McDonnell, Head of HR and Corporate Affairs attended for items 4.1, 4.3 and 4.4,
Fergal Costello, Principal Officer attended for item 4.2.

Apologies: - Bairbre NicAongusa - Assistant Secretary

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

No conflicts.

2. COMMUNICATIONS & TOPICAL MATTERS DIARY, MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

2.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2.2 MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

2.3 COMMUNICATIONS & TOPICAL MATTERS DIARY

The diary for the forthcoming fortnight was noted.

2.4 GOVERNMENT MEMORANDA / CABINET SUBCOMMITTEES

A list of Government Memoranda currently circulated was noted.

2.5 WEEKLY SCHEDULE (DÁIL, SEANAD AND COMMITTEES)

The Oireachas schedule for the week was discussed.

2.6 SOG'S/CABINET COMMITTEES

The board noted there was no Cabinet Committee meetings scheduled.

2.7 FOI REPORT

The FOI Report was noted.

3. PRIORITY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION/NOTING

3.1 NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN/RURAL REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Rural Regeneration and Development Fund was discussed and arrangements for the Cabinet meeting on the 11th of May was discussed.

3.2 REDUCTION IN BUDGET FOR EUROPEAN AGRICULTURE FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The reduction in budget for European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development was noted by MB and further discussion of this item was deferred.

4. CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL MATERS FOR INFORMATION

4.1 HR UPDATE

The HR update was noted.

4.2 FINANCE ISSUES: EXPENDITURE REPORT

The expenditure report was noted.

4.3 COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

The proposed agenda for the staff conference on the 11 May was finalised.

4.4 ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation issues in Ballina and Dublin were discussed. The evacuation plan for DRCD, Trinity Point, was noted by MB.

6 AOB

The MB noted the protocol for local press releases.

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