

MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES 14/5/2018

ATTENDANCE:

Chair – Kevin McCarthy - Secretary General, William Parnell - Assistant Secretary, Bairbre NicAongusa - 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.

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. MB noted that the Joint Committee on Rural and Community Development is scheduled to meet on the 16th May to review Community Development, Charities Regulatory Authority, Rural Development and Regional Affairs and Appropriations-in-Aid.

2.6 SOG'S/CABINET COMMITTEES

The MB noted the Senior Officials Group on Sustainable Development Goals is scheduled to meet on the 22nd of May.

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.

3.2 REDUCTION IN BUDGET FOR EUROPEAN AGRICULTURE FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The reduction in budget for European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development was discussed.

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 MB noted the success of the staff conference on the 11th May and expressed their appreciation of staff's contribution.

4.4 ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation issues in Ballina and Dublin were discussed. The completion of the OPW survey of the Ballina offices was noted by the MB.

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