Department of Rural and Community Development Management Board Meeting No. 42

MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES 25/6/2018

ATTENDANCE:

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

Apologies: Sheenagh Rooney - Assistant Secretary

Secretariat - Máire Flanagan

Clodagh McDonnell, Principal Officer attended for items 3.4, 4.2 and 4.4 Fergal Costello, Principal Officer attended for items 3.3, 3.4 and 4.1

1. 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 with a minor amendment.

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)

MB noted the Western Development Commission was due before the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Rural & Community Development on 27 June.

2.6 SOG'S/CABINET COMMITTEES

SOG (Cabinet Committee A on the Economy) at 11.30 on 2 July. CC A is scheduled for 9th July. The MB noted that its next meeting would be rescheduled for 2.30-4.30pm sharp on 2 July.

2.7 FOI REPORT

Noted.

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3. PRIORITY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION/NOTING

3.1 PRESENTATION ON PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A VOLUNTEERING STRATEGY FOR THE COMMUNITY SECTOR

MB supported the approach outlined in the presentation by Ciara Bates and Deirdre Kearney for a 'Call for Input Paper' and scope for a framework on the sector in Q3 2018 and to review progress at a later meeting.

3.2 DORMANTS ACCOUNTS REPORT AND ACTION PLAN

MB noted latest updates provided by Ken Jordan and Eddie Forsyth on the Dormant Accounts Report before Government and the draft 2018 Action Plan.

3.3 NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN/RURAL REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND MB agreed to circulate to POs the draft paper on the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund, prepared by William Parnell.

3.4THE RURAL SECTORAL EVENT

Ongoing preparations with the Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine for the Rural Sectoral event on the 13th July were discussed. The Reconnaissance Visit with GIS is on Friday 29th June.

4. CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL MATERS FOR INFORMATION

4.1 HR UPDATE

The verbal HR update was noted including workforce planning and Build to Share applications including e-correspondence and e-docs.

4.2 FINANCE ISSUES: EXPENDITURE REPORT

The expenditure report was noted.

4.3 COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

A verbal update on Communications was noted.

4.4 ACCOMMODATION

Electrical work w/c 16th July on the 4th floor was noted with a temporary accommodation plan for those affected being drawn up.

5 AOB

A verbal update on the recent Pobal Oversight Meeting was provided by Bairbre Nic Aongusa.

Kevin McCarthy,

Secretary General