

MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES 2/7/2018

ATTENDANCE:

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

Apologies: Sheenagh Rooney - Assistant Secretary

Secretariat – Lynda Crawford

Fergal Costello, Principal Officer attended for items 3.1 - 3.3 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.

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 Oireachtas schedule for the next fortnight.

2.6 SOG'S/CABINET COMMITTEES

The MB noted that Cabinet Committee A is scheduled to meeting on the 9th July.

2.7 FOI REPORT

Noted.

3. PRIORITY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION/NOTING

3.1 UPDATE ON PROGRESS ON THE PROJECT IRELAND 2040 RURAL EVENT, WESTPORT 13 JULY 2018

Ongoing preparations with GIS and the Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine for the Rural Sectoral event on the 13th July were discussed.

3.2 RURAL REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Rural Regeneration and Development Fund was discussed.

3.3 RESEARCH AND EVALUATION FUNCTION

The MB approved the general approach proposed in the paper on a proposal to build research and evaluation capacity in DRCD.

4. CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL MATERS FOR INFORMATION

4.1 HR UPDATE

The verbal HR update was noted.

4.2 FINANCE ISSUES: EXPENDITURE REPORT

The expenditure report was discussed and noted.

4.3 COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

There was no update on this item.

4.4 ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation issues in Dublin and Ballina were discussed.

5 AOB

The MB noted the approaching deadline for the Civil Service Excellence and Innovation Awards.

The Departments requirement for a potential legislative programme was discussed and it was agreed that a paper be prepared to MB for its consideration.

Kevin McCarthy,
Secretary General