

MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES 23/7/2018

ATTENDANCE:

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

Finola Moylette, Principal Officer, attended for item no. 3.4

Secretariat – Lynda Crawford

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

MB noted that there are no Government Memoranda currently circulated.

2.5 WEEKLY SCHEDULE (DÁIL, SEANAD AND COMMITTEES)

MB noted the Oireachtas schedule for the next week.

2.6 SOG'S/CABINET COMMITTEES

The MB noted that there are no cabinet committee meetings scheduled.

2.7 FOI REPORT

Noted.

3. PRIORITY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION/NOTING

3.1 RURAL REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Rural Regeneration and Development Fund was discussed.

3.2 ESTIMATE PROCESS 2019

DRCD estimates process 2019 was discussed.

3.3 CS EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION AWARDS

The MB approved the submission under Category - Leading Civil Service Renewal Category - Creation of the Department of Rural and Community Development, and under Category, the excellence in Innovation, Excellence in Customer Service, Excellence in Policy - Review of RAPID and Communities Facilities Scheme for consideration for the Civil Service Excellence and Innovation Awards. It was noted that a further submission in respect of the "My Open Libraries" programme would be considered.

3.4 TOWN AND VILLAGE PILOT SCHEME

Finola Moylette outlined the concept for a Town and Village Pilot Scheme. The MB agreed that further consultation will be carried out on the concept.

3.5 DRCD WORKFORCE PLAN

MB approved the draft workforce plan subject to minor textual amendments.

4. CORPORATE & OPERATIONAL MATERS FOR INFORMATION

4.1 FINANCIAL REPORT

The expenditure report was discussed and noted.

4.2 HR UPDATE

The verbal HR update was noted.

4.3 COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

The verbal communications update was noted.

4.4 ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation issues in Dublin and Ballina were discussed.

5 AOB

MB noted the approval of expenditure for the extension of the Irish Water Safety information campaign.

It was agreed that a draft legislative programme be submitted to the MB.

It was agreed that a MB away day would be held on Friday, 7 September.

Kevin McCarthy,
Secretary General