

MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES 22/10/2018

ATTENDANCE:

Chair – Kevin McCarthy - Secretary General, Sheenagh Rooney - Assistant Secretary and William Parnell - Assistant Secretary.

Apologies: Bairbre NicAongusa - Assistant Secretary

Kenneth Jordan, Principal Officer and David O'Connor, Assistant Principal Officer attended for item 5.2

Secretariat - Lynda Crawford

1. STATEMENT OF INTEREST

No conflicts.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with minor amendments.

3. MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

4. MATTERS FOR DECISION

4.1 PAYMENT APPROVAL EXTENSION FOR FINOLA MOYLETTE

MB approved an increase in the payment approval limit for Ms. Finola Moylette, Principal Officer, Rural Policy and Schemes Unit.

5. PRIORITY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 RURAL REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

Sheenagh Rooney gave a progress report on the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund.

MB noted that the Project Advisory Board will meet again on the 24th October to consider applications under category 1 and it is scheduled to be in a position to make an initial announcement in relation to successful applications in November, with further announcements to follow.

5.2 FINANCE REPORT

The expenditure report was noted and discussed.

MB expressed their appreciation of the comprehensive briefing provided for the Joint Committee on Rural and Community Development's meeting on mid-term review of 2018 Estimates on the 17th October.

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 HR UPDATE

The verbal HR update was noted. The draft agenda for the Staff Conference on the 17th November was discussed.

6.2 COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

The Communications update was discussed.

7. STANDING ITEMS

7.1 MINISTERIAL AND MANAGEMENT BOARD DIARIES

The diary for the forthcoming fortnight was noted.

7.2 GOVERNMENT MEMORANDA / CABINET SUBCOMMITTEES

A list of Government Memoranda currently circulated was noted.

7.3 WEEKLY SCHEDULE (DÁIL, SEANAD AND COMMITTEES)

The Oireachtas schedule was noted.

7.4 SOG'S / CABINET COMMITTEES

The MB noted the schedule of Cabinet Committee and Senior Officials meetings.

8. AOB

MB noted that the Department has been shortlisted under the Leading Civil Service Renewal and the Excellence in Customer Service categories of the 2018 Civil Service Excellence and Innovation Awards.

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Secretary General