

MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES 12/11/2018

ATTENDANCE:

Chair – Kevin McCarthy - Secretary General; Sheenagh Rooney - Assistant Secretary and William Parnell - Assistant Secretary; Bairbre NicAongusa - Assistant Secretary

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

Paul Geraghty, Principal Officer and Lisa Keveney, Administrative Officer attended for item 5.3

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

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 15th November 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 on 23 November, with further announcements to follow.

5.2 FINANCE REPORT

The expenditure report was noted and discussed.

5.3 POBAL GOVERNANCE

Paul Geraghty and Lisa Keveney provided MB with an overview of Pobal's current corporate structure, DRCD's governance role and Pobal's role in the delivery of Government sponsored schemes. MB noted the very informative presentation and the extensive work achieved by the Social Inclusion/Communities Unit on this matter.

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 HR UPDATE

The verbal HR update was noted. The staff conference on the 16th November was discussed. MB noted that the agenda will be circulated to staff this week.

6.2 COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

The Communications update was discussed.

6.3 MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

The MB noted that report on Ministerial Representations/Correspondence.

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)

MB noted the Oireachtas Schedule for the next fortnight.

7.4 SOG'S / CABINET COMMITTEES

The MB noted the schedule of Cabinet Committee meetings.

8. AOB

The Secretary General and Bairbre NicAongusa informed MB of topics discussed with the CCMA Economic, Enterprise, Community and Culture Committee on the 8th November as part of the Department's structured engagement with this committee. Topics discussed were the RRDF, calendar of announcement in 2019, PPNs, the National Community Day and drawdown of expenditure by Local Authorities before end of year.

Kevin McCarthy,
Secretary General