

# Tourism Recovery Taskforce

Minutes of Meeting		Video Conference	3 <sup>rd</sup> June, 2020 10.00am
<b>Attendees:</b>		<b>Agenda</b>	
Ruth Andrews - Chair	Stephen Kavanagh	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Minutes &amp; matters arising</li> <li>2. Terms of Reference</li> <li>3. Priorities for Survival Phase</li> <li>4. Stakeholder engagement</li> <li>5. Work streams</li> <li>6. Next meeting</li> </ol>	
Eoghan Corry	Paul Kelly		
Martin Dalby	Eimear Killian		
Tom Enright	John McLaughlin		
Elaina Fitzgerald Kane	Pat O'Leary		
Niall Gibbons	Ken Spratt		
John Herlihy	Jane Stacey		
<b>Secretariat:</b>			
Maria Melia	Kenneth McMahon		
Colm O'Connor	Lisa Herlihy		
Item	Details		Action
1.	<p>Ruth Andrews, Chairperson, opened the meeting and welcomed the group.</p> <p>Minutes were taken as read. Proposer Eoghan Corry and seconder Pat O'Leary</p>		Agreed
2.	<p>Terms of reference amendments made as per feedback and final version agreed.</p>		Agreed
3.	<p>Priorities for Survival</p> <p>Ken Spratt agreed to provide additional information in relation to the Covid-19 Business Supports</p> <p>There was a comprehensive discussion on priorities for the survival stage and the following emerged as areas where the Taskforce felt progress would be beneficial at an early stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move to 1m Social Distancing (and apply additional precautionary measures, as set out in Protocols due to be published by Fáilte Ireland).</li> </ul>		Secretariat to circulate

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accelerate Phase 4 “Social / Recreational” re-openings to Phase 3. This would mean hotels and other visitor accommodation and attractions such as museums and galleries would reopen by June 29<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Accelerate Phase 5 “Social / Recreational” re-openings to Phase 4. This would mean that pubs and bars could reopen by July 20<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Move “Extend travel to outside your region” from Phase 4 to Phase 3. This would mean that people could travel for domestic holidays from June 29<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Delay the school re-opening to week beginning August 31<sup>st</sup>. This would allow the domestic holiday season to maximise August.</li> <li>• Allow schools the option of taking the week long October mid-term break during one of two weeks (rather than just one week). This would facilitate families wishing to holiday in Ireland.</li> <li>• Remove the 2 weeks of self-isolation recommendation for travellers from overseas countries that are considered to be “safe” points of origin.</li> <li>• Re-introduce a reduced rate of VAT to stimulate demand in the tourism and hospitality sector.</li> </ul> <p>Members agreed that it was important that the Taoiseach and Ministers would encourage staycations as soon as the domestic holiday market is open for business.</p>	Issue statement from TRT
4.	<p>Stakeholder engagement</p> <p>Two waves of engagement required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First wave is to focus primarily on industry stakeholders and immediate needs.</li> <li>• The second wave to have broader reach and focus on the medium and longer term.</li> <li>• Structure in place to capture immediate submissions on immediate requirements for business sectors in 2 – 3 weeks.</li> </ul>	Secretariat to progress consultation process
5.	<p>The Chair shared her initial thoughts on possible work streams and asked members for their feedback and suggestions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Research &amp; Consultancy</b> – to understand the problems facing the sector and identify possible solutions</li> </ul>	

