

Tourism Recovery Taskforce

Minutes of Meeting		Video Conference	17 th June, 2020 10.00am
Attendees:		Agenda	
Ruth Andrews - Chair	Stephen Kavanagh	1. Minutes & matters arising	
Eoghan Corry	Paul Kelly	2. National Competitiveness – Dr. Frances Ruane	
Martin Dalby	Eimear Killian	3. Work streams	
Tom Enright	John McLaughlin	3.1. Work streams framework	
Elaina Fitzgerald Kane	Pat O'Leary	3.2. Work streams updates	
Niall Gibbons	Ken Spratt	4. AOB	
John Herlihy	Jane Stacey		
Secretariat:			
Maria Melia	Kenneth McMahon		
Colm O'Connor	Lisa Herlihy		
Presentations:			
Dr Frances Ruane, Chair of the National Competitiveness Council.			
Item	Details	Action	
1.	<p>Ruth Andrews, Chairperson, opened the meeting and welcomed the group.</p> <p>Minutes were taken as read. Proposer John Herlihy and seconder Jane Stacey.</p> <p>Pre reads taken as read.</p> <p>A discussion ensued on a number of matters arising as referred to by the Chair, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reading material for TRT members on One Drive ➤ Programme for government shows a broad recognition of tourism as an economic sector and a source of local employment and regional development. Two key milestones for the group to note are 1. The recovery fund and July jobs initiative. This is a key area for the TRT to input views. 2. October when TRT report published to feed into the National Economic Plan. 	Agreed	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Health protection surveillance centre issued guidelines on the reduction from 2m - 1m if certain other measures are taken. Fáilte Ireland currently updating their guidelines. ➤ Update on meeting with the Department of Finance and the discussion points raised with them. 	
2.	Dr Frances Ruane, Chair of the National Competitiveness Council, presented on Competitiveness and the Tourism Sector which was sent as a pre-read to the members, followed by Q&A.	Noted
3.1	<p>Work streams framework</p> <p>The Chair thanked members for their feedback to date and shared a draft framework for work streams and advised that the document would be shared after the meeting and invited initial thoughts on the framework.</p> <p>She thanked members who had expressed their desire to be involved in particular work streams and noted that it is a living document subject to further changes.</p> <p>Members were advised that there will be cross over in the work streams and added that any further feedback welcomed.</p> <p>Members were also reminded that the secretariat were available to assist all work streams</p>	Secretariat to send draft framework for feedback by Friday 19 th June
3.2	<p>Jane Stacey gave a brief update on the <i>consultation</i> work stream. She also advised other members that she will assist where possible with other work streams if a need for additional research analysis.</p> <p>Stephen Kavanagh gave a brief update on the <i>International access and connectivity</i> work stream. He advised that he would share a summary of supply and demand measures. He also advised that the work stream is preparing a short survey for distribution next week to key industry players which he will report back on with the results.</p> <p>John Herlihy advised that the <i>Competitiveness & Tourism</i> work stream will share their Terms of Reference with the group by Friday.</p> <p>Pat O'Leary advised that he will provide an update on the terms of reference and the direction of the <i>Culture and Heritage</i> work stream next week.</p>	Noted



4.	AOB There was a brief discussion on the continuing viability pressures being experienced in the tourism and hospitality sector.	Noted
	Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 24 th June	

