

Tourism Recovery Taskforce

Minutes of Meeting		Video Conference	1 st July, 2020 9.45am
Attendees:		<p style="text-align: center;">Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minutes & matters arising 2. ITIC Presentation 3. DBEI Presentation 4. TRT priorities 5. AoB 	
Ruth Andrews - Chair	Stephen Kavanagh		
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		
Secretariat:			
Maria Melia	Kenneth McMahon		
Colm O'Connor	Lisa Herlihy		
Presentations:			
Eoghan O'Mara Walsh, CEO, ITIC Declan Hughes A/Sec and Jean Carberry, PO, DEBI			
Item	Details	Action	
1.	<p>Ruth Andrews, Chairperson, opened the meeting and welcomed the group.</p> <p>The chair welcomed Minister Catherine Martin, TD to the meeting of the Taskforce.</p> <p>Minister Martin informed the group that this was her first official engagement as Minister and having examined the Initial report, she is acutely aware of the enormous challenges facing the sector as a result of COVID19. She wanted to signal this importance and advised the members that they have a voice at Cabinet who will fight for the industry.</p> <p>The Minister thanked the TRT for their work to date and for their Initial report and stated that she is under no illusion as to the difficulties facing the industry and the urgency required in taking action. She advised the members that she</p>	Agreed	

	<p>looks forward to receiving the next report and to working with the sector towards a sustainable recovery.</p> <p>Minutes were taken as read. Proposer Eoghan Corry and seconder John McLaughlin.</p> <p>Pre reads taken as read.</p>	
2.	Eoghan O'Mara Walsh, CEO, ITIC presented ITIC's Tourism Industry Revival Plan followed by Q&A.	Noted
3.	Declan Hughes, A/Sec and Jean Carberry, PO, DEBI outlined details on a range of financial supports available to businesses in the sector followed by Q&A.	Noted
4.	<p>TRT Priorities</p> <p>The Chair advised that work is on-going in the work streams.</p> <p><i>Consultation</i> work stream. There were 813 responses to questionnaire in total. A high level overview of the responses will issue to members after the meeting. A more in-depth report of the finding will issue later. The responses echo what was in the Initial report to Minister of the urgent actions required.</p> <p>The process of collating the proposals submitted with the questionnaires is on-going. Key representative bodies will be afforded an opportunity to make a brief presentation to the TRT in support of their submissions.</p> <p>Stephen Kavanagh gave a brief update on the <i>International access and connectivity</i> work stream, questionnaires were issued and they are actively seeking feedback from over 15 carriers on capacity plans. The work stream report is expected mid July.</p> <p>Pat O'Leary provided a brief update on the <i>Culture & Heritage</i> work stream.</p> <p>Further work on the work stream framework is underway:</p> <p>Time frame of phases; survival, stabilisation and sustainable recovery.</p> <p>Initial report addressed Survival. Need to identify the prioritisations for the stabilisation and sustainable recovery phases.</p> <p>Recovery Action Plan will shape the Tourism sector of the future. There is an opportunity now to rebuild a more sustainable sector.</p>	Noted

	<p>Need to build in scenario building into future reports noted.</p> <p>Final report to feed into National Economic Plan and Budget 2021.</p> <p>Project management/consultants to be engaged to coordinate submission brief and working group outputs and assist with framework and final report.</p>	
5.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 15th July</p>	

