Tourism Recovery Taskforce

Minutes of Meeting		Video Conference			3 rd June, 2020 10.00am	
Attendees:			Agenda			
Ruth Andrews - Chair	Stephe	en Kavanagh	Kavanagh 1. Mi		& matters arising	
Eoghan Corry	Paul K					
Martin Dalby	Eimea	par Killian		Tarms o	erms of Reference	
Tom Enright	John N	/IcLaughlin	2. Tellis of Neielefice		i itelefellee	
Elaina Fitzgerald Kane	Pat O'	Leary				
Niall Gibbons	Ken Spratt		3.	Priorities	s for Survival Phase	
John Herlihy	Jane S	Stacey	-			
Secretariat:			4.	Stakeho	Stakeholder engagement	
Maria Melia	Kenne	th McMahon				
Colm O'Connor	Lisa H	erlihy	5.	Work sti	reams	
			6.	Next me	eeting	
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Item	Details	Action
1.	Ruth Andrews, Chairperson, opened the meeting and welcomed the group.	
	Minutes were taken as read. Proposer Eoghan Corry and seconder Pat O'Leary	Agreed
2.	Terms of reference amendments made as per feedback and final version agreed.	Agreed
3.	Priorities for Survival	
	Ken Spratt agreed to provide additional information in relation to the Covid-19 Business Supports	Secretariat to circulate
	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:	
	 Move to 1m Social Distancing (and apply additional precautionary measures, as set out in Protocols due to be published by Fáilte Ireland). 	



	 Accelerate Phase 4 "Social / Recreational" reopenings to Phase 3. This would mean hotels and other visitor accommodation and attractions such as museums and galleries would reopen by June 29th. Accelerate Phase 5 "Social / Recreational" reopenings to Phase 4. This would mean that pubs and bars could reopen by July 20th. 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 29th. Delay the school re-opening to week beginning August 31st. This would allow the domestic holiday season to maximise August. 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. Remove the 2 weeks of self-isolation recommendation for travellers from overseas countries that are considered to be "safe" points of origin. Re-introduce a reduced rate of VAT to stimulate demand in the tourism and hospitality sector. 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. 	Issue statement from TRT
4.	 Stakeholder engagement Two waves of engagement required. First wave is to focus primarily on industry stakeholders and immediate needs. The second wave to have broader reach and focus on the medium and longer term. Structure in place to capture immediate submissions on immediate requirements for business sectors in 2 – 3 weeks. 	Secretariat to progress consultation process
5.	The Chair shared her initial thoughts on possible work streams and asked members for their feedback and suggestions. • Research & Consultancy – to understand the problems facing the sector and identify possible solutions	



	 International Access and Connectivity – current 	RA to discuss with
	situation, outlook and interventions required	SK
	Stephen Kavanagh agreed to lead on this work	
	stream	
	 Sustainable employment – identify whole of Gov 	
	policy initiatives required including training, promotion	
	of sustainable careers etc	
	Supply – identify key demand drivers and the	
	capacity for the sector to rebuild and adapt	
	Demand – research on best prospects and actions	
	required to generate demand	
	Competitiveness – economic research on	
	competitor set and reforms needed to compete	
	effectively	
	 Robust sustainable recovery – what are the goals? 	
	what investment is required? how to deliver? how to	
	measure?	
	Longer term Sustainability – re-establish the austainability warking group and build an work	
	sustainability working group and build on work	Feedback from
	already undertaken	members
	To be discussed further at next meeting.	
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	A TRT web page will be set up on the DTTAS website	Secretariat to notify
	A TRT shared drive will be set up to facilitate the sharing of	members of access
	relevant information amongst the group.	
6.	Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 10 th June	
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