

MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES 17/9/2018

ATTENDANCE:

Chair – Kevin McCarthy - Secretary General, William Parnell – A/Secretary, Bairbre NicAongusa - Assistant Secretary and Sheenagh Rooney - Assistant Secretary

Fergal Costello, Principal Officer, attended for item no. 6.1

Secretariat – Lynda Crawford

1. STATEMENT OF INTEREST

No conflicts.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

4. MATTERS FOR DECISION

4. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHILDREN'S FIRST ACT 2015

MB agreed the publication of the DRCD Sectoral Implementation Plan and Child Safeguarding Statement, the appointment of a Designated Liaison Person, DRCD to undertake awareness-raising for staff in the Department in line with the Sectoral Implementation Plan and the transfer of responsibility for compliance with the Children's First Act 2015 to Corporate/HR section.

5. PRIORITY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 RURAL REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Rural Regeneration and Development Fund was discussed.

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 FINANCIAL REPORT

The expenditure report was discussed and noted. The 2019 Estimates process was discussed.

6.2 HR UPDATE

The verbal HR update was noted.

6.3 COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

The verbal communications update was noted.

7. STANDING ITEMS

7.1 COMMUNICATIONS & TOPICAL MATTERS DIARY

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 week.

7.4 SOG'S/CABINET COMMITTEES

The MB noted that there was no cabinet committee meetings scheduled.

8. AOB

The Ploughing Championships 2018 were discussed.

Kevin McCarthy,
Secretary General