Department of Rural and Community Development Management Board Meeting No. 57

MANAGEMENT BOARD MINUTES 5/11/2018

ATTENDANCE:

Chair – Kevin McCarthy - Secretary General; Sheenagh Rooney - Assistant Secretary and William Parnell - Assistant Secretary; Bairbre NicAongusa - Assistant Secretary

Ken Jordan, Principal Officer; Brendan Mahon, Assistant Principal Officer; David O'Connor, Assistant Principal Officer attended for item 5.2

Secretariat - Lynda Crawford

1. STATEMENT OF INTEREST

No conflicts.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with minor amendments.

3. MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

4. MATTERS FOR DECISION

5. PRIORITY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 RURAL REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

Sheenagh Rooney gave a progress report on the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund.

MB noted that the Project Advisory Board will meet again on the 6th November to consider applications under category 1 and it is scheduled to be in a position to make an initial announcement in relation to successful applications on 23 November, with further announcements to follow.

5.2 FINANCE REPORT

The expenditure report was noted and discussed.

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

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6.1 HR UPDATE The verbal HR update was noted. The recruitment plan for 2019 and the staff conference on the 16th November was discussed. 6.2 COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE The Communications update was discussed. 7. STANDING ITEMS 7.1 MINISTERIAL AND MANAGEMENT BOARD DIARIES 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 fortnight. 7.4 SOG'S / CABINET COMMITTEES The MB noted the schedule of Cabinet Committee and Senior Official Group meetings. 8. AOB The MB noted the National Winter Ready Campaign will launched on the 8th November. The timing of arrangements for drafting Business Plans for 2019 was discussed. Kevin McCarthy, Secretary General