Recovery Oversight Group

Minutes of Meeting	Video Conference	3rd December, 2020 2.00pm

Attendees:	
Nóirín Hegarty - Chair	
Ruth Andrews	
Paul Kelly	
Niall Gibbons	
Paul Gallagher	
Aisling Reynolds-Feighan	
Rob Rankin	
Helena Healy	
Maria Melia	
Secretariat:	
Colm O'Connor	Lisa Herlihy
Kenneth McMahon	

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Terms of Reference
3. Operating Procedures
4. Tourism Recovery Plan Update
5. Meeting Schedule
6. AOB

Item	Details	Action
1.	Nóirín Hegarty, Chairperson, opened the meeting, welcomed the group and set the context with her opening address. The Chair thanked all members for making themselves available for the group and invited all members to introduce themselves and give a brief synopsis of their experience. Minister Martin joined the meeting and thanked all for agreeing to be a part of this Recovery Oversight Group. She advised that she is looking forward to receiving the group's reports. The Minister provided a brief update with regard to the rollout of vaccines and the Government's recovery planning. She added that the ROG's outputs will be an important consideration for her in her dealings with	Record

	colleagues in Government as she advocates for the tourism industry. The Chair invited members to give their initial thoughts on the current tourism situation, the following themes emerged during a tour de table; • The Survival phase is lasting a lot longer than anyone anticipated with social distancing expected to remain a factor in the year ahead. A lot of tourism businesses are facing increased pressure and there is an air of desperation. There are concerns that further restrictions will result in businesses becoming insolvent. • It is of the utmost importance that we are prioritising the right recommendations at the right times. • Survival of the tourism product – what will it look like when we get back to stabilisation and recovery phases. • Need to consider signals for improvement, e.g. travel data. • There is a need to focus on the consumer from a safety, confidence and behaviour perspective. • There is serious concern about the loss of international connectivity. Moving quickly at the right time will be key when international travel restarts. • Look at work in conjunction with the vaccinations strategies not just in Ireland but worldwide and in particular our key markets to inform the thinking of the group. • Need to define and set out the parameters of what does success for the group look like and define what the group as a whole understand as recovery. Use crises to fix some of the issues that were pre-existing. • After 2020, there is a lot riding on 2021 for tourism businesses.	
2.	Draft Terms of Reference discussed and agreed.	Agreed
3.	Operating Procedures noted.	Agreed
4.	Tourism Recovery Plan update	

	The Update document was circulated prior to the meeting. It is to act as an *aide memoire* for members to guide the discussions. The Group will report to the Minister approximately every 3 months initially. There followed a discussion on what success would be for the group, for example implementation of the recommendations, recovery of the sector etc. and how this would be measured.	Record
5.	Meeting schedule for 2021 is set out with the next meeting on Wednesday 13th January 2021	Secretariat to send to all members