Recovery Oversight Group

Minutes of Meeting	Video Conference	24th February, 2021 10.00am

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

Agenda

1. Opening Remarks & Minutes
2. Report to Minister
3. Monitoring Recovery
4. Vaccination Programme
5. AOB

Item	Details	Action
1.	Nóirín Hegarty, Chairperson, opened the meeting and welcomed the group. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.	Record
2.	The chair informed the group that she had a positive meeting with Minister Martin in relation to the group's first report. The Minister commended the group for their work to date and advised that she will review the report and keep it under consideration. She also advised that she would bring the report to the attention of her colleagues in Government. The Minister indicated that she would arrange a meeting with Fáilte Ireland to discuss the findings of the report.	Record
3.	Neil Aulton, Tourism Ireland and Caeman Wall, Fáilte Ireland delivered a presentation titled "Monitoring the Recovery". Following the presentation there was a discussion around available statistical data and the constraints that the pandemic has had on its timeliness and collection. A tourism	Secretariat to share PPT with group

	satellite account and its merits were discussed with reference to the recommendation in the Recovery Plan. Possible uses of location data and sustainability metrics were explored. All agreed there is a strong requirement for complete and robust data.	Chair to write to CSO on available statistics and the TSA
4.	The Vaccination Programme was discussed in detail and during a tour de table the following themes emerged • Covid 19 Travel Passports - advancements made around these and the possible formats and requirements for same. Consensus that a co-ordinated EU level approach would be best. Concern raised however that pace of development of this at EU level needs to be monitored closely as very real possibility that we will require a solution for UK visitors first. • The UK and Northern Ireland's re-opening plan will affect tourism in the republic of Ireland and visitors both inbound and outbound. A plan to deal with this will be required. • Antigen testing – it was noted that "The Path Ahead" references that a plan in respect of the optimal deployment of Antigen testing will be finalised for the consideration of Government by mid-March. • The timing of the publication of the National Economic Plan was queried. • The challenges facing the aviation sector and its importance for tourism were discussed, with reference to the Aviation Recovery Taskforce which had reported in 2020.	Circulate vaccination briefing note from the Department of Health when received. Request briefing note from the Department of Health on antigen testing. Secretariat to request update Chair to write to the Secretary General of the Department of Transport for an update on aviation.
5.	The next meeting is scheduled for the 7th April.	