Recovery Oversight Group

Minutes of Meeting	Video Conference	19th May, 2021 10.00am

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

Agenda

1. Opening Remarks
2. Minutes and Matters Arising
3. Supports
4. Sustainability
5. Skills and employment
6. AOB

Item	Details	Action
1.	Nóirín Hegarty, Chairperson, opened the meeting and welcomed the group. She advised the group that she met the Minister and she was very positive and supportive about the group's recommendations. The Minister asked Noirin to convey her thanks to the group for their work and that she is very appreciative of the expert information and considered direction that is being provided to her.	Record
2.	Minutes of the last meeting approved.	Noted
3.	A discussion ensued around supports, Paul Kelly, Fáilte Ireland provided the following update; • Last year €44 m distributed to tourism businesses under various schemes. • This year €55 m worth of supports available to tourism businesses.	Review when NERP announced. Expected end of May/start of June.

	During a tour the table the following topics were discussed; i. Concerns raised around trading in a very restricted environment. ii. City center's a concern and challenging due to a lack of inbound international tourists. iii. Reserves are much depleted this year compared to last year. iv. Insurance issue biggest BREXIT impact on Tourism sector, e.g. in the attractions section quotes have quadrupled in some instances where they can still access insurance providers.	
4.	A lively discussion around sustainability was had by the group and it was agreed that there should be a strong focus on this area going forward. The Sustainable Tourism Working Group which is a partnership between industry, the agencies and the department will present their recommendations to the ROG at a later date.	Closely monitor area in terms of recommendations contained in Tourism Recovery Plan
5.	Skills and employment have become very topical as businesses are opening up. A detailed discussion on the area highlighted current supports available, pressure points and issues and ongoing work on a joined up approach. The importance of tourism from a youth employment perspective was highlighted.	Closely monitor area in terms of recommendations contained in Tourism Recovery Plan
6.	AOB Festivals and Events - significant hope that these can get going again from September from a domestic point of view, keep on radar. Next meeting Wednesday 30th June.	