Recovery Oversight Group

Minutes of Meeting	Video Conference	28th July, 2021 10.00am

Attendees:	Agenda
Nóirín Hegarty - Chair	1. Opening Remarks
Ruth Andrews	2. Minutes and Matters Arising
Maria Melia	3. Progress Report
Paul Gallagher	4. Update from Tourism Agencies
Rob Rankin	5. Next input to Minister
Helena Healy	6. AOB
Aisling Reynolds-Feighan	
Niall Gibbons	
Paul Kelly	
Secretariat:	
Colm O'Connor	
Kenneth McMahon	
Lisa Herlihy	

Item	Details	Action
1.	Nóirín Hegarty, Chairperson, opened the meeting and welcomed and thanked the group for taking the time to attend this additional meeting. A discussion ensued to get a sense of the effect of recent regulations in particular with regard to indoor hospitality. Group noted the negative impact on the wider tourism sector, including bookings from overseas. Also noted the positive effects of vaccination roll out, positive feedback on re-opening, business continuity funding viewed as essential from a tourism business point of view.	Record
2.	Minutes of the last meeting approved.	Noted
3.	Aisling Reynolds-Feighan gave a brief presentation on the latest connectivity to and from Ireland and advised that she would circulate the slides.	Circulate PPT.

4.	Niall Gibbons, Tourism Ireland gave an overview of the situation from a research perspective and the agency's plans for overseas marketing. Paul Kelly, Fáilte Ireland gave an overview of the different schemes in place and a flavour of some difficulties in the sector including staffing challenges, rising business costs and decreasing revenue. Noted that the situation still in survival mode but was evolving.	Noted.
5.	A report to issue to Minister prior to the Budget circa mid-September. Additional emails to issue in August to complete outline preparation work prior to next meeting and compilation of report.	
6.	AOB Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 8th September at 10am.	Issue Meeting Invite in due course.