

Management Board Meeting Minutes

(Held by webex)

Monday 25 April 2022 at 10.30am

Attendance: Secretary General (Kevin McCarthy); Dermot Ryan; Carol Baxter; Laura McGarrigle; Lara Hynes; Anne-Marie Brooks and Sheenagh Rooney.

Miriam Kenna reporting.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of meeting of 04 April 2022 were agreed.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising at this time.

3. Ukrainian Crisis response

MB gave a brief update on the situation at present:

- The numbers requiring accommodation has been reasonably low over the Easter period but a surge is expected again in the coming days.
- Accommodation procurement continues to be a priority. Hotel and other accommodation continues to be sourced where possible. University student accommodation will be available from mid-May.
- DCEDIY staff are continuing to feel the pressure - staff training, wellbeing and safety are all being considered.
- Pledged accommodation continues to be assessed. MB noted internal capacity issues in the Irish Red Cross which continue to impact on their ability to activate pledges on the scale required, and the work-arounds being put in place to address this with the support of local authorities and others.
- It is understood that the Department of Housing will bring a memo to Government tomorrow, Tuesday 26 April, on longer term accommodation solutions, although DCEDIY has not had sight of this as yet.
- A proposal for payments for pledged accommodation is being discussed with D/Social Protection and Revenue.
- National Childcare Scheme – primary legislation will be need to allow Ukrainian refugees access to the scheme.
- Rosters and increased staffing for City West are being dealt with by HR

The Taoiseach attended the centre in Millstreet over the weekend and following this he expressed his appreciation to the Minister of the work of our Department during this crisis.

4. Policy Options Paper on the Reform of the Youth Services Grant Scheme (YSGS)

Bairbre Meaney and David Behan joined for this item. A paper had circulated to MB prior to the meeting.

BM presented on the Policy Options Paper on the YSGS and asked for MB's approval for approach outlined in it.

She said that in 2021 MB had approved the YSGS project proposal and since then the project team has been actively engaging with this scheme's primary stakeholders (participating YSGS organisations and young people) with a view to revising the deliverables. A Literature Review was also commissioned and the insights gained from this research have also influenced the reform project.

She outlined the core deliverables which have an implementation target of Jan 2024 and the core plus deliverables with a target date of Jan 2025.

She explained the preferred delivery option and the next steps involved in achieving this. MB discussed and considered the presentation and agreed to the deliverables set out and timeframe for the next steps as set out. It was also advised that the project team intend to complete the Project Implementation Plan prior to submitting a memo to cabinet for approval on the reform of the YSGS.

5. For noting

The papers circulated under this heading were noted by MB members.

6. AOB

DR gave a brief update on the current position of the Transfer of the Disability Functions from the Department of Health.

- The legislation required has been signed into Law.
- It is expected that the transfer will not happen on the 1st of May. Talks continue with DoH and the relevant service providers.
- A letter will issue to the Secretary General of DoH from Secretary General DCEDIY this week outlining the present position.

7. Next Meeting

The next MB meeting was confirmed for Monday 9th May 2022.