Management Board Meeting Minutes

(Held by webex)

Monday 19 Sept 2022 at 10.30am

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

Miriam Kenna reporting.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of meeting of 05 September 2022 were agreed.

2. Matters Arising

No matters were arising.

3. Ukrainian Crisis and IP response

MB noted brief update on the situation at present including:
BOTP accommodation situation is relatively stable at the moment but numbers continue to increase and position will continue to be closely monitored.
Pledge project continues to advance.
A meeting on modular homes programme was held by Minister O Gorman and Minister O'Donovan to review issues relating to sites.
IP numbers remain high, and sourcing accommodation remains extremely problematic with all available options being actively pursued.
Inputs to required policy decisions for next Cabinet Committee were discussed. .

4. Estimates 2023 Discussion

Gordon Gaffney and Patricia Ballantine joined the meeting. DR and GG gave an update on the estimates progress, including the current status of discussions with DPER.

A ministerial bilateral meeting will take place between Minister O'Gorman and Minister McGrath on Thursday 22nd Sept.

5. Climate Action Mandate and EU Taxonomy for Sustainable Activities (Andrew Patterson)

Andrew Patterson joined the meeting for this item. Papers for this item were circulated prior to the meeting.
He said the letters (circulated) to our Minister from the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications and the Minister for Finance require consideration and approval.
AP outlined what is required under the Climate Action Mandate for our department.
As part of this MB nominated Andrew Patterson as Climate and Sustainability Champion who will be responsible for implementing and reporting annually on the Public Sector Mandate.

It was also noted that the PfG sets out that Ministers will direct aegis bodies to adopt the Climate Action Mandate.

It was agreed that AP would compile the Action Plan and update MB as required.

AP said **The EU Taxonomy** for sustainable activities was established under EU Regs. It is a classification system that sets out standards that Economic Activities must meet in order to be deemed environmentally sustainable. The purpose of the Taxonomy is to provide common definitions of what is sustainable.

AP outlined the requirements for the Department which includes nominating a contact person for cross-Departmental engagement. It was agreed that this nominee request may be appropriate to Research and Evaluation Unit. AP will follow up with LMcG on this.

6. For noting

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

DR asked MB to remind their colleagues to complete the Learning Needs Analysis Survey before the closing date (Tuesday 20th September).

There have been 5 applications for consideration to be nominated to the Civil Service Excellence and Innovation Awards 2023 (CSEIAs). As there are only 3 applications accepted for each Department it is intended to combine 3 Ukraine related applications into one single application, and to submit 3 applications in total for consideration.

KMcC told MB that an invite to the PAC has been confirmed for the 20 October 2022.

7. AOB

LMcG noted a possible issue relating to one of the FOIs on hand in her division.

8. Next Meeting

The next MB meeting will take place in person and was confirmed for Monday 19 September 2022 at 10.30.