Management Board Meeting Minutes
Monday 20 November 2017, 10:30

Attendance: Secretary General (Fergal Lynch), Bernie McNally, Dermot Ryan, Éimear Fisher and Michelle Shannon. Miriam Kenna reporting.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting
The minutes of the meeting of 13 November, 2017 were agreed.

2. Matters Arising
It was noted that a draft of the Tusla Performance Statement and supporting letter had been submitted to the Minister for her consideration.

3. Brief Updates

BMcN provided updates on (i) Early Years (operations and Irish Language requirements (ii) Pobal (new Strategic Plan) (iii) AIM (work with DES on in-school therapy)(v) ACS Bill (vi) School Completion Programme (v) Comhairle na Óg (iv) LGBTi+.

MS provided updates on (i) Oberstown (JOC and Strategic plan) (ii) Adoption (OPW engagement re accommodation of records) (iii) Adoption (Information and Tracing) Bill and (iii) Mother and Baby Homes (Minister's meeting with forensic archaeologist and preparation of Government Memos.

DR provided updates on (i) Children's Rights Alliance report card (ii) Child Protection Notification System (iii) General Data Protection Regulation (iv) Tusla (NCCIS) and (v) HR (PO post in Adoption Authority).

EF provided updates on (i) Section 3 paper from Tusla (ii) Audit of Religious Congregations by Tusla (iii) GAL (Memo for Government) (iv) Children First Group (v) BOBF review (vi) PPFS conference, Kilkenny and (vii) Internet Governance.

4. Agenda Items for Strategic and Operational Discussion
The MB considered a list of suggested items for discussion at MB meetings scheduled for December and into Q1 2018, which had been set out on a paper provided in advance. MB members also suggested some additional items, such as overall Departmental priorities arising from the Business Plan discussions, National Review Panel and the Childcare Law reporting project, as well as follow-on discussions of previous items including Miesian Plaza, Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes, and Governance and Compliance of Early years schemes. Each MB member will consider items for discussion and advise FL and MK of most appropriate dates for inclusion on MB meeting agendas.

5. GOAL Programme on Public Service Reform
FL attended Goal Advisory Group meeting on Friday 10 November. Papers from this meeting were circulated to MB. FL gave an overview of the main features and objectives of the Goal

programme on Public Service Reform. BMcN and EF outlined the progress to date in the Exemplar Projects relating to Youth VFM and evaluation training programme.

6. For Noting

Oral PQs on 28 November.

Memos for Government (i) Affordable Childcare Scheme (ACS) Bill and (ii) Child Care (Amendment) (Guardian ad litem) Bill targeted for consideration at Government meeting of 5 December.

Arrangements for attendance and briefing in relation to the Joint Oireachtas Committee meeting of 22 November were noted. There would be separate sessions dealing with (1) Oberstown and (2) Affordable Childcare Scheme.

7. AOB

FL briefed the MB on Cabinet Committee B meeting which he attended on the 16th November.

Items discussed included (i) Children First implementation and (ii) Proposal for a 'SAVI II' study.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting was confirmed for Monday 27 November 2017 at 10:30.