

Regulation Committee Meeting 21 Minutes November 30th, 2017.



Date	30 th November 2017
Venue	Housing Agency, Mount Street Upper
Time	11.00am – 15.00pm
Chaired by	Mary Lee Rhodes (M.L.R.)
Committee Members Present	Earnán O'Cléirigh (E. O'C.), Ronan Heavey (R.H.), Oonagh Breen (O.B.), Eddie Lewis (E.L.), Michael Cameron (M.C.), Donal McManus (DMc.M), Gerry Hunt (G.H.), Margaret Geraghty (M.G.)
In attendance	Susanna Lyons (S.L.) (Head of Regulation, Regulation Office, Housing Agency), Jenny Murphy (J.M.) (Secretary to the Committee, Regulation Office, Housing Agency) David Smith (D.S.) (Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government) Brendan Buggy (B.B.) (Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government)

Agenda Items

1. Apologies

- No apologies received.

2. Declaration of Interest

- O.B. declared that she sits on the Governance panel of the Charities Regulatory Authority.

3. Matters Arising

- CSO Classification of AHBs – The iRC discussed the pending decision by the CSO regarding the classification of AHBs. A report is due by mid-December and the CSO will submit recommendation to Eurostat for decision.

Part 1 – Consent Agenda Items

4. a. Minutes

- b. Report on Sign Ups to the Code
- c. Assessment Programme Update
- d. Engagement Update
- e. Head of Regulation Report
- f. Service Performance Standard Report

Action/ Outcome

1. CSO recommendation/decision to be considered by iRC at Strategy Day in early 2018.
2. Consent Agenda items agreed by Committee with amendment to Minutes.

Part 2 – Items for Discussion

5. Legislation Update – Department

A copy of the draft Bill was circulated to the IRC for consideration and discussion.

6. Legislation Update – IRC discussion/ Feedback

The Committee discussed the draft Bill outlined areas of note with regard to the implications for the implementation of the statutory framework and transitional arrangements. It was agreed that the Committee would formally write to the Department outlining the key discussion points from the meeting.

Action/ Outcome

3. IRC to send 'holding letter' to the Department within days regarding draft Bill.
4. IRC to send further detailed communication incorporating today's discussion.

Performance and Operations

7. Updated Assessment Outcomes & Report Policy

S.L. provided an overview the Committee with an overview of the changes made to the Assessment Outcomes and Reports Policy. These changes were made based on discussions at the previous iRC meeting in September.

- o As per iRC recommendation, Compliance Outcome Statement changed to Assessment Outcome Statement.
- o The number of possible assessment outcomes has been reduced from six to four as per iRC discussions.
- o An amendment was suggested to remove the parenthesis following 'Unsatisfactory'.
- o The Committee were satisfied with the changes as presented and approved the 'Assessment Outcomes and Reports Policy'.

Action/ Outcome

5. Assessment Outcomes and Report Policy approved by iRC with minor amendment.

8. Governance Standard – Update (iRC approval required)

C.N. gave the Committee an overview of the work to date in developing the Governance Standard. Two options have been proposed for the iRC to consider with regard to the roll out and implementation of the Standard.

Option A would see the Governance Standard approved for the entire AHB sector with a pilot programme for an assessment framework conducted in 2018.

Option B would consist of two phases. The first phase would see the Governance Standard approved in December 2017 for Tier 2 and Tier 3 AHBs. During Phase 2 the

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Regulation Office would consider the findings of the CRA Consultative Panel, with specific reference to smaller organisations, Tier 1 AHBs.

- The Committee discussed both options presented. The key difference between the two options would be the roll out for smaller, Tier 1 organisations, which would occur following consideration of the findings of the CRA Consultative Panel.
- It was felt that there was a risk of excluding smaller organisations or potential for separate standards to be developed. The Standard captures proportionality and the way it is assessed will be key.
- The Committee agreed that Option A was preferred, with education and training sessions for AHBs to be conducted.

Action/ Outcome

6. IRC approve Option A for the roll out of the Governance Standard.

9. Proposed dates for meetings in 2018

J.M provided the iRC with potential dates for meetings for consideration through to June 2018, including holding a Strategy Day in January. It was agreed that a poll would be circulated via Doodle in order to ascertain members availability for the proposed dates.

Action/ Outcome

7. J.M. to circulate Doodle Poll with proposed dates to Committee Members.

The iRC Strategy Day is scheduled for February 15th.