

Regulation Committee Meeting 29 Minutes June 20th, 2019.



Date	20 th June 2019
Venue	Housing Agency, Mount Street Upper
Time	11.00am – 1.00pm
Chaired by	Mary Lee Rhodes (M.L.R.)
Committee Members Present	Eddie Lewis (E.L.), Donal McManus (DmcM), Oonagh Breen (O.B.), Ronan Heavey (R.H.), Paul Lemass (P.L.)
In attendance	Susanna Lyons (S.L.) (Head of Regulation, RO, Housing Agency), Jenny Murphy (J.M.) (Secretary to the Committee, RO, Housing Agency) Steven Sheridan (S.S.) (Head of Performance and Communication, RO, Housing Agency) Miriam Kavanagh (M.K.) (Head of Financial Regulation, Governance and Registration, RO, Housing Agency) Ken Jackson (K.J.) (Engagement Leader, RO, Housing Agency)

Agenda Items

1. Apologies

- Michael Cameron sent apologies.

2. Declaration of Interest

- No declarations made.

Part 1 – Consent Agenda Items

3.

- a. Minutes
- b. Assessment Update
- d. Head of Regulation Report

Outcome

Consent Agenda items agreed by Committee, with amendments to Minutes.

Action

- 1) Follow up with Ciara Galvin regarding indemnity for iRC Members.

4. Matters Arising

- No matters arising

5. Final DRAFT Terms of Reference

Following discussions at previous iRC meetings, a revised draft Terms of Reference and Scheme of Delegations were circulated to iRC members for approval. The documentation will then be submitted to DHPLG for consideration and approval by the Minister.

The Committee were satisfied with the draft documents with minor amendments suggested. There remains a dissenting voice regarding the iRC's role in the transition process and it was agreed to capture that opinion in the cover letter to accompany the documentation.

Action

- 2) Final Draft Terms of Reference and Scheme of Delegations to be circulated to DHPLG.
- 3) Venn diagram of reporting lines and responsibilities to be created for additional clarity.

6. 2018/ 2019 Assessment Cycle Presentation

S.L. presented initial findings from the 2018/2019 assessment cycle. The presentation highlighted the sector context, unit numbers and increases year over year, reported levels of compliance with the requirements of the Voluntary Regulation Code, and evidence of strengthening and embedding of Code requirements.

IRC members requested circulation of the slides following the meeting.

Action

- 4) Circulate presentation slides to iRC members.

7. Engagement Update – AHBs to be reported to DHPLG

K.J. provided the Committee with an update on organisations currently in Engagement with the intention to circulate the list of organisations to DHPLG with iRC approval. Some changes have occurred to the list following the previous assessment cycle where some organisations exited engagement and others entered the process.

The Committee agreed to circulate the list of organisations in Engagement to DHPLG.

Action

- 5) Issue list of organisations in Engagement to DHPLG.

8. Legislation Update

P.L. provided the Committee with an update on legislation. Positive engagement is ongoing with the Office of the Parliamentary Council with the intention of bringing the Bill to government in the near future.

9. Review of Financial Standard – Strategy & Key Outcomes

M.K. provided a summary of the 'kick-off' session for the upcoming review of the Financial Standard. It was noted that there was very positive engagement with the AHBs regarding the review. Working Groups have been established and the first meetings are due to take place in the coming weeks.

Committee Members asked that the slides from the 'kick-off' session are circulated.

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Action

- 6) Circulate slides from 'kick-off' session to iRC Members.

10. iRC Board Membership

MLR announced her resignation as Chair and member of the iRC. The Committee thanked her for her significant contribution and dedication to the role during her tenure as Chair and as a member of the iRC.

P.L. highlighted that the DHPLG is working on appointing new members to the Committee, which will include a nomination from the County and City Managers Association (CCMA).

The next iRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 19th September