

Minutes of the National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) Meeting

Tuesday 25 March 2020 at 10:00 am

Venue: Conference Call

Attended by:

Chairperson: Michael McCarthy

Members: Sharon O'Connor
Constance Hanniffy

Martina Moloney
David Holohan

Secretariat: John F McCarthy
Neill Dalton
Darren Browne

Claire Gavin
Colin Flood

Apologies: Barry Quinlan
Michael McGreal

Tara Buckley
John Goldrick

NOAC activity during Covid 19 virus outbreak

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone well during the current difficult time. He noted that in the current circumstances that there is a potential need for staff resources across the service and that as such whether NOAC staff resources should form part of that. In that regard NOAC would have to consider whether to suspend its activities to allow for this to occur.

In addition it was noted that NOAC activity could face reduced activity for a period of time anyway due to local authorities concentrating on activities relating to the COVID virus outbreak. In addition, if it is agreed to suspend NOAC activities for a period, the Chairperson stressed that he will maintain contact with the LGAS, LGMA, the DHPLG and the Ministers office during this time with the aim of resuming normal activity as soon as possible.

The motion to suspend was agreed by the members with the added suggestion that all members of the secretariat return to facilitate continuity and enable the work of NOAC as soon as possible.

The issue of board members due to step down in the near future was raised and it was agreed by the Chairperson to raise this issue with the Minister. It was agreed that the NOAC secretariat should inform those making contact, of the NOACs temporary reduced activity.

The meeting was brought to a close