



National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC)
Minutes of the Meeting – Tuesday 11th October 2022 at 9:15 a.m.

Venue: Remote Meeting via WebEx Meeting Platform

Attended by:

Chairperson: Michael McCarthy

Members: Niall Quinn Ciarán Hayes

Margaret Lane

Noel Harrington Brian Cawley

Fiona Quinn

Secretariat: Claire Gavin Alan McDermott

Nason Fallon John Goldrick

Deirdre Byrne Valerie Longmore

Apologies: Declan Breathnach

Philomena Poole

1. Minutes & actions of previous meeting

Amendments were requested to the NOAC minutes of 13th September 2022 in relation to the reference to WG3 update on the Communications Strategy. As the contractor was named in previous minutes it was deemed that they should be named in the recent minutes. A revision to the text was suggested and approved.

2. Declaration of conflict of interest

No conflicts of interest were raised.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Work Programme Updates

Local Government Governance, Efficiency and Reform Working Group (WG1)

At its meeting on 14th September, the WG met with the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) to discuss the Regional Assemblies' monitoring reports. It was a useful meeting, partially for its exchange of information between the organisations. The OPR offered to give its views on the terms of reference which the WG would be issuing, in order to attain a contractor to examine the monitoring reports.

The meeting also contained a general discussion on the Work Programme of WG1, which will be dealt with in greater detail at the WG1 in-person meeting on 12th October. This will give the WG greater clarity and focus on the main agenda items of its Work Programme.

Performance Indicators Working Group (WG2)

An editor has been appointed to examine the text material within the Performance Indicator report. The tables within the report have been completed, and subject to the editorial report, it should be ready for publication on November 4th. The revised report will be circulated to the board prior to publication.

The Communications and Customer Survey Working Group (WG3)

A revised Communications Strategy was received by the Secretariat last week. Previously, a very detailed response had been issued to Walsh:PR and the recommendations have been addressed comprehensively in this iteration. The WG chair's views will be circulated when finalised to members of the WG for consideration and it would be hoped that the Strategy will be presented at the next board meeting.

The Good Practice seminar will be held on 25th October. If members have any suggestions regarding photographs or themes for photographs they were advised to e-mail the Secretariat.

The Corporate Planning event date is agreed for 30th November. Speakers have been contacted and a full agenda will issue once it has been agreed by the chairs of WGs 1 and 3.

The WG Chair advised that he was unclear in relation to the case study proposed by the LGMA on the Customer Survey. It was clarified that no response had issued to date to the letter from the LGMA on the Customer Survey or proposed themes.

5. Stage 2 meetings

Meetings with Galway City, Leitrim and Wexford County Councils will directly follow the board meeting.

6. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is the Work Planning event which will be a hosted day, expected to take place on 14th November, which the Secretariat can book in a hotel in Portlaoise.

7. Any Other Business

No items were raised under this heading.

The meeting was brought to a close.