

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

HELD ON THE 13TH FEBRUARY 2017 AT 4PM

4TH FLOOR, BRUNEL BUILDING, HEUSTON SOUTH QUARTER

N. Gibbons	Chair	Present
G. Joyce	Deputy Chair	Present
PJ Fitzpatrick	Ordinary Member	Present
D. Kiely	Ordinary Member	Present
P. McLaughlin	Ordinary Member	Present
R. O'Farrell	Ordinary Member	Present
P. White	Ordinary Member	Present
A .Hyland	Ordinary Member	Apologies
T. Rodgers	Ordinary Member	Apologies
F. McBride	CEO	In attendance
J. Gibson	COO	In attendance
K. Keilthy	Board Secretary	In attendance

The CEO briefed the meeting with a chronology of Tusla's, involvement in the current media case regarding Mr. McCabe

The CEO indicated that it would appear that mistakes were possibly made in this case. The Board requested that Tusla undertake an internal review to establish the facts of the case. The COO to issue the terms of reference of the internal review to the Board for approval.

The Agency welcomed the independent investigation by HIQA announced by Minister Zappone and determined that the conclusions and recommendations arising from the independent investigation would be taken on board and implemented as far as possible.

Tusla will make a statement of support and full co-operation with the proposed commission of enquiry and or public enquiry as and when established by the Dail.

The COO advised that Tusla had recently completed and audit report on retrospective cases. The Chair requested that the final version of the report should be circulated to the Board.

The Board discussed a process by which sensitive issues can be communicated to the Board in an appropriate and timely manner. The Board set up a group involving the Chair, G. Joyce and P. McLaughlin to review sensitive issues as they become known and establish an appropriate communications plan.

In order to support the communications structure within the Agency it was agreed that Tusla's FOI function should be centralized.