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Department of Communications,  
Climate Action & Environment

## Minutes of the **Mobile Phone and Broadband Taskforce**

### Meeting No. 2

- Date:** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016
- Venue:** Room 5D & 5E, D/CCAЕ, 29-31 Adelaide Road, Dublin, D02 X285
- Time:** 10.00 – 12.00
- Attendees:** Katherine Licken (D/CCAЕ) (co-Chair), William Parnell (D/AHRRGA) (co-Chair), Patrick Neary (D/CCAЕ), Pat Gallagher (CCMA), Pat Maher (TII), Cathal O'Donoghue (Teagasc), John Sydenham (OPW), John Dillon (NewERA), Seamus Boland (Irish Rural Link), Mary MacNamara (ICA), John Martin, Paul Madden (Ericsson), Terry Sheridan (D/HPCLG), Dominic Mullaney (D/TTAS), John McCarthy (D/TTAS) Geoffrey Gray (CCPC)
- Observers:** Gerry Fahy (ComReg), Martin Bourke (OPW), Stjohn O'Connor (D/AHRRGA), Mairead McCabe (D/DCCAЕ),
- Secretariat:** Oonagh Brennan (D/CCAЕ)
- Dept. Officials:** Ciara Bates (D/AHRRGA), John Gorman (D/AHRRGA), Paul Lee (D/CCAЕ), Ian Price (D/CCAЕ),
- Apologies:** Dave Walsh (D/HPLG), Ray O'Leary (D/TTS), Linda Doyle (CTVR), Ferghal Reidy (LGMA), Clodagh Cavanagh (Abbey Farm Machinery)
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### 1. Introduction by (Working) Chairpersons

- The co-Chairs, Katherine Licken and William Parnell, welcomed the group to the second Mobile Phone and Broadband Taskforce meeting. They confirmed that feedback on the taskforce was constructive and positive to date and encouraged the group to keep the momentum going.
- It was noted to the group that Agenda and Minutes for each meeting will be published online to provide transparency of the taskforce.

### 2. Agreement on Minutes of the first meeting

- The Minutes for the last meeting held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were agreed by the group with one minor change noted:

### 3. Readout from Chairpersons on first meetings of the Sub-Groups

- 1) The **Consumer Issues** sub-group outlined the main actions and recommendations from their first meeting. The taskforce recommended that operators should be engaged with. ComReg to circulate the forecast report to members of the taskforce.
- 2) The **Planning Process** sub-group outlined the main actions and recommendations from their first meeting.
- 3) The **Network Improvements** sub-group outlined the main actions and recommendations from their first meeting.
- 4) The **Access to Infrastructure** sub-group outlined the main actions and recommendations from their first meeting.

#### **4. Review of work programme and meetings schedule of the Taskforce**

- The co-Chairs expressed their satisfaction at the pace and outcome of the sub-group meetings to date and confirmed that further work is to be considered in relation to engaging with industry.
- The co-ordination of meetings with operators is to be organised by the taskforce Secretariat where possible crossover of sub-group meetings might occur.

#### **5. Agreement on draft report template**

- All members agreed that the draft report template should be concise, outlining the main recommendations of the taskforce. A draft report will be circulated to all members in due course.

#### **6. Proposed dates of next meetings**

- All members were in agreement on future meeting dates proposed.

#### **7. AOB**

- It was recommended that the actions from each sub-group meeting be presented in a table with a timeframe for completion and an owner for each action.
- An update was provided to all members on the Regional Action Groups.

**Minutes Prepared By:**

**Oonagh Brennan/Ian Price**

**Date: 28/08/16**

**Minutes Approved By:**

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_