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Department of Arts, Heritage,
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ar son na hAeráide & Comhshaoil
Department of Communications,
Climate Action & Environment

Mobile Phone and Broadband Taskforce Implementation Group

Meeting No.1

- Date/Time:** 09.15 – 11.00, Wednesday 8th March 2017
- Venue:** Room 12A, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, 23 Kildare Street, Dublin 2, D02 TD30
- Attendees:** Minister Heather Humphreys T.D. (D/AHRRGA)(co-Chair), Minister Denis Naughten T.D. (D/CCA) (co-Chair), Ray O’Leary (D/TTAS), John McCarthy (D/TTAS), Pat Maher (TII), Gerry Fahy (ComReg), Fearghal Reidy (LGMA), Dave Walsh (D/HPCLG), William Parnell (D/AHRRGA), Mairéad McCabe (D/CCA)
- Dept. Officials:** Stjohn O’Connor (D/AHRRGA), Ciara Bates (D/AHRRGA), Keith O’Neill (D/AHRRGA), Neasa Lehane (D/CCA), Ian Price (D/CCA), Ross Elwood (D/CCA)
- Secretariat:** Aisling Penrose (D/AHRRGA)

1. Opening remarks

- 1.1 Minister Humphreys welcomed all present to the first meeting of the Taskforce Implementation Group, and thanked each individual for attending the meeting. The Minister recognised that establishment of this Implementation Group as an important first step in the Government’s commitment to the prompt delivery of measures contained in the Taskforce report.
- 1.2 Minister Naughten thanked attendees for their commitment in agreeing to participate on the Implementation Group and recognised the value in bringing together the wide range of stakeholders that impact upon the roll out of vitally important telecoms infrastructure.

2. Overview of the role of the Implementation Group and associated work programme

- 2.1 Minister Humphreys summarised the work programme for the Group, and outlined timelines in the process.
- 2.2 The Taskforce Report commits to the production of a report every 90 days. In advance of the quarterly meeting the Secretariat will arrange bilateral meetings with each of the action holders to discuss the status of specific actions and plans for the upcoming quarter. This will form the basis of the quarterly report.
- 2.3 The Implementation Group will meet after the end of each quarter and approve the quarterly report, which the Ministers will bring to the relevant Cabinet Committee.
- 2.4 The Implementation Group will also review progress after twelve months, and produce an annual report summarising progress across all actions.
- 2.5 In line with Action 1 of the Final Report of the Taskforce, a forum will be held in September to enable all relevant stakeholders to discuss wider issues impacting on the rollout of telecoms infrastructure.

3. Report on Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 actions

- 3.1 Minister Naughten called upon each of the action owners to provide a brief overview of the current status of specific actions which they have been tasked with delivering in the Q1/Q2 period.
- 3.2 The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport provided an overview at the meeting on the progress of actions under its remit.
- 3.3 ComReg outlined progress on actions it has been tasked with delivering.
- 3.4 Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) summarised progress on its action items.
- 3.5 The Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government outlined the status of its action items.
- 3.6 The Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) summarised progress on action item under its remit.
- 3.7 The Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment outlined progress on actions which they play the lead role in delivering.
- 3.8 The Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs outlined the status of its action items.
- 3.9 The Ministers strongly reiterated the need for actions to be delivered on time, and advised that they would be expecting action holders to progress items and ensure that there are no unnecessary delays to the deadlines set out in the Taskforce report.

4. Next steps

- 4.1 Written inputs from stakeholders on the status of Q1 and Q2 actions to be submitted to the Secretariat by 20 March.
- 4.2 Bilateral meetings to take place with each action holder to discuss action progress and finalise text for the Q1 progress report, prior to submission to the Ministers.
- 4.3 Secretariat to finalise a date for the stakeholder forum (provisionally scheduled for 28 September) and circulate an outline of the format for the event, for discussion at the next Implementation Group meeting.
- 4.4 Next meeting date to be scheduled for early July. This meeting will focus on the status of Q2 actions and look forward to Q3 actions.
- 4.5 Bilateral meetings are to be arranged by the Secretariat in advance of the July meeting to discuss the status of specific actions. These discussions will form the basis of the quarterly report for the Q2 period, which will be agreed at the July meeting and submitted to Cabinet shortly thereafter.

5. Date of next meeting

- 5.1 The next meeting will take place at the beginning of July. The Secretariat will confirm the meeting date and time to all attendees.