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

Mobile Phone and Broadband Taskforce Implementation Group

Meeting No.2

- Date/Time:** 3.00pm Wednesday 5th July 2017
- Venue:** Room 12A, Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, 23 Kildare Street, Dublin 2, D02 TD30
- Attendees:** Minister Michael Ring T.D. (D/Rural & Community Development) (co-Chair), Minister Denis Naughten T.D. (D/CCAIE) (co-Chair), Ray O'Leary (D/TTAS), John McCarthy (D/TTAS), Pat Maher (TII), Gerry Fahy (ComReg), Fearghal Reidy (LGMA), Peter Hynes (CCMA), Ciara Gallagher (D/HPCLG), William Parnell (D/AHRRGA), Ciarán Ó hÓbáin (D/CCAIE)
- Dept. Officials:** Ciara Bates (D/AHRRGA), Mairéad McCabe (D/CCAIE), Ian Price (D/CCAIE), Pat Neary (D/CCAIE), Paul Lee (D/CCAIE), Ross Elwood (D/CCAIE)
- Secretariat:** Aisling Penrose (D/AHRRGA)

1. Opening remarks

- 1.1 Due to time constraints the Ministers dispensed with opening remarks which were taken as read, and welcomed attendees to the meeting.

2. Minutes of last meeting

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2017 were approved without amendment.

3. Progress reports on Quarter 2 actions

- 3.1 Minister Naughten and Minister Ring both acknowledged the work by all action holders present which has led to significant progress being made on many of the actions contained in the Taskforce Report.
- 3.2 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 Q2 period.
- The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (D/TTAS) provided an overview at the meeting on the progress of actions under its remit.
 - ComReg outlined progress on actions it has been tasked with delivering.
 - Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) summarised progress on its action items.
 - The Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (D/HPCLG) outlined the status of its action items.
 - The Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) summarised progress on action item under its remit.

- The Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment (D/CCA) outlined progress on actions which they play the lead role in delivering.
 - The Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs (D/AHRRGA) outlined the status of its action items.
- 3.3 An update on items reported in the Q1 Progress Report as delayed was also provided by each of the action holders involved.
- 3.4 The Ministers conveyed the importance of action holders highlighting progress made to date, and providing a sense of the scope and complexity of the process required to deliver on a specific action. This is of particular importance when written updates on specific actions are being provided for inclusion in the quarterly progress reports.

4. Emerging Issues/Potential New Actions

- 4.1 Issues have been raised by industry with regard to impediments to accessing State-owned property for the installation of telecoms infrastructure. In light of these concerns, a potential new action was highlighted on the requirement for the development of a standardised policy, lease and costing arrangement for using State assets for accessing, installation and deployment of telecoms infrastructure. Further investigation on the best approach to progress this emerging action is to be undertaken.
- 4.2 Under Action 24, TII has completed the action it was tasked with, its Board has approved revised charges for access to motorway ducting. Approval of the revised charges is now a matter for the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Communications, Climate Action and Environment. There may be a requirement for one of the three Departments to take the lead in writing to the other Departments involved to progress approval by all three Ministers of the revised charges.

5. National Stakeholder Forum

- 5.1 It is planned to convene a forum in October (provisionally scheduled for 6 October) to bring all stakeholders together to discuss wider issues impacting on the rollout of telecoms infrastructure.
- 5.2 A draft outline of the event structure was provided at the meeting.
- 5.3 Invitations for the event will be issued to all relevant stakeholders shortly.

6. Any other Business

- 6.1 There was no other business raised for discussion at the meeting.

7. Next steps/ Date of next meeting

- 7.1 Any final revisions to text included in the Q2 Progress Report to be advised to the Secretariat by action holders by close of business on Friday 7 July to enable the report to be finalised for publication as soon as possible.
- 7.2 The next meeting of the Taskforce Implementation Group will take place in October. The Secretariat will confirm the meeting date and time to all attendees.
- 7.3 Bilateral meetings will be arranged by the Secretariat in advance of the October meeting to discuss the status of specific actions for delivery in Q3 and to enable preparation of the third quarterly progress report.