



Minutes of Board Meeting

Held on Friday 15th October 2010

At 10.30am at NTA Offices

Present:

Mr. John Fitzgerald (Chairperson), Mr. Gerry Murphy (CEO), Mr. John Tierney, Mr. Frank King, Mr. James Deegan, Ms. Valerie O'Reilly, Dr. Berna Grist, Ms. Linda Saunders, Mr. Damian Usher, Ms. Margaret O'Shaughnessy, Ms. Anne Graham (Secretary to Committee), Philip L'Estrange (Director of Finance)

Apologies:

None

1. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were agreed with amendments to the section on the Rosslare – Waterford Services and those listed as present. The amended minute now states *“A detailed discussion took place on the CEO's report and other matters raised by the Board. The Board decided to agree to the termination of the passenger services on the Rosslare to Waterford rail line subject to the conditions outlined in the CEO's report.”*

2. Presentation on Corporate Governance

Mr. Aidan Horan of the IPA joined the meeting and gave a detailed presentation to the Board on Corporate Governance issues for the Board. He suggested that he could return to a Board meeting next year to help in the analysis of board performance

3. CEO Report

The CEO highlighted a number of issues from his report to the Board:

Under **Public service Contracts**, Jacobs are now engaged and are scoping and pricing a Review and audit of Iarnród Éireann's Rosslare-Waterford Asset Management plan. The Dublin Bus 41X service through the Port Tunnel was approved by the Minister. The Authority has received a large FOI request from Sword's Express regarding the Authority's contract with Dublin Bus.

In relation to **Capital Investment**, the multi-annual capital investment programme previously agreed with the Department is under review again. A newspaper article has been prepared on Metro North

between the RPA, Dublin City Council & Fingal County Council and the Authority to be published shortly. The LUAS to Cherrywood extension is opening the following day.

A lot of bi-lateral engagement is occurring with Local Authorities and Agencies in developing the **Transport Strategy**. Unfortunately a two week delay has occurred due to modelling problems.

The responsibility for **Integrated Ticketing** was transferred to the Authority by statute and a national remit for IT was added in a further Statutory Instrument. The RPA continue to deliver the project as an agent of the Authority. The April 2011 target remains for the public launch but it remains challenging.

Under Planning Matters, The Authority met with UCD on car parking and they are developing a response to our concerns.

The Pedometer Challenge and Cyclise your Campus were two recent successful programmes carried out under **Traffic Management and Mobility**.

Under **Corporate Matters** an agreement has been reached a new premises with the OPW. The Employment Control Framework is agreed with the Department of Finance. However a 10% staff reduction is required by the end of 2012.

4. Finance Update including Audit Committee Update

Mr. Philip L'Estrange gave an update on the August Accounts. The decision item under this section was amended. Approval of ITS Banking requirements was not required However, approval of the Board was requested to add Mr. Hugh Creegan and Mr Philip L'Estrange as Authorised Signatories of the Authority's bank accounts.

Mr John Tierney summarised the outcomes of the Audit Committee meeting which had been attended by a representative from the C&AG's office.

5. Presentation on Bus Licensing Guidelines

The CEO gave a presentation on the public consultation undertaken on the draft bus licensing guidelines. The Authority is awaiting the Oireachtas submission and once received, the report on the submissions will be finalised and a redrafted Guidelines document will be circulated in advance of the next Board meeting.

6. Presentation on Draft Cycling Manual

Mr. Michael Aherne joined the meeting and gave a presentation on the progress in developing the Cycling Design Manual. Mr. Aherne was thanked by the Chairman and he left the meeting.

7. Any Other Business

Next Meeting Friday 19th November 2010 @ 10.30am at the NTA's offices

Signed: _____

John Fitzgerald, Chairperson

Dated: _____