EXECUTIVE COVID TASKFORCE STRATEGIC OVERSIGHT BOARD DRAFT MINUTES 20th OCTOBER 2021

Present: Jayne Brady (Chair)

Richard Pengelly Denis McMahon Peter May

Shane Murphy

NR
Chris McNabb
Peter Luney

NR (Minutes)

Apologies: Mike Brennan, Tracy Meharg, Karen Pearson.

1. Minutes of meeting on 6th October

Minutes of meeting held on 6th October 2021 were agreed.

2. Executive Covid-19 Action Log

Updates to the action log were considered and noted.

Peter Luney agreed, following the meeting, to circulate the draft Executive Covid Taskforce Update to members for consideration prior to formal submission.

[Action: Peter Luney]

3. Protect

Richard Pengelly provided an update on current health statistics.

The indicative delivery timeframe in relation to technical infrastructure for COVID-status certification was noted. Delivery of regulations to give effect to a scheme for certification would require approximately 5-6 weeks after the policy intent is settled.

The R-paper and accompanying slides will now be presented to Executive meetings when restrictions are under review.

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Peter May provided an update on Ventilation and discussed the various issues which would need to be considered in relation to the possible financing of any support scheme and the vires to operate one..

4. Recovery

Denis McMahon advised that the Autumn Winter COVID-19 Contingency Plan was endorsed by the Executive and published on 19 October.

Appreciation was expressed to Chris McNabb and his team for the communications issued around the publication of the plan.

5. Adherence

Peter May provided an update on the adherence polling data and the merits of an adherence czar discussed.

Peter Luney gave an update on the continuing engagement with sectors in relation to the COVID-19 Contingency Plan and noted that voluntary compliance with the events/venue sector was very high.

6. Communications

Chris McNabb provided an update on planned communications following the meeting of the Executive on 21st October.

7. AOB

Frequency of future meetings

It was agreed that going forward, ECT Meetings would be scheduled on monthly basis and a week prior to scheduled Executive meeting. The ability to convene a meeting of the taskforce on an exceptional basis if required, was also agreed.

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 10 November.