

Meeting with FM & dFM 13th December 2021- AGENDA ITEMS

Attending: FM, dFM, JM Kearney, Jayne Brady, Richard Bullick, Dara O'Hagan, Stephen McGlade, Philip Weir, John Loughran, Donal Moran, Deirdre Griffith

1. COVID/ Omicron

- ECT update – FMdFM would like a call with DOH Minister later today. Both expressed view that the booster vaccination programme will be their first priority. Also agreed that a holding note to Exec colleagues should issue to provide a high-level update ahead of this week's Executive meeting. **ACTION: Jayne**
- Scenario planning – understand UK are planning although that has not been confirmed. Work is ongoing to develop mitigation options in the event they are required.
- COBR/ 4 Nation involvement – later this week. dFM expressed concern that DAs are not being kept fully informed in a timely way and raised the possibility of DAs writing collectively to UKG on this issue.
- Executive briefing
- Resource and contingency planning –[Hard copy note distributed at the meeting] FM 'every resource that is not deemed critical should be diverted' [to the booster roll-out] and critical staff should have a backup deputy. Discussed comms and messaging; financial and societal impacts; education and gaining clear understanding of available financial levers. Education and Finance to now be represented at ECT. **ACTION: Jayne**

2. Executive Planning- 16th December

- ECT COVID update – broaden usual update in light of Omicron developments
- Prioritise Response over Covid Recovery
- ISNI- candidate Exec (sub to arrive 10th Dec)
- Intergovernmental Relations

3. Current work plan

- US Investment Proposal- ongoing program, subject to Covid restrictions
- NICS Renewal paper – advisers have been sighted
- Functioning of executive- outline proposal created. Items identified for immediate action:
 - Create 12 week Exec work plan- Jan to March 2022
 - Prepare comms messaging signed off during Exec

- Reviewing OLC drafting process and lesson learnt

4. AOB

- PAC – 9th Dec - Minister had noted Jayne's opening remarks in advance.
- Plan over holiday period – Ministers will work from constituencies following Christmas recess but will be available as required.
- Engagement forum – JMK raised involvement in relations to safer workplaces – keen to play an active role – this could link to ECT and the Executive. **ACTION: Jayne**
- COBR and SOS calls likely tomorrow.