

MEETING OF THE COURTS SERVICE BOARD

14th January 2019

The Courts Service Board met on 14th January 2019.

Courts Service PPP Bundle

The Board considered a report and presentation on the Courts Service PPP Bundle and the settlement of outstanding claims.

Courts Service Long Term Strategy

The Board considered a report and presentation on the development of a Courts Service Long Term Strategy. PA Consulting attended the meeting and briefed the Board on their role in the process in supporting the Courts Service and bringing an expertise and experience of good practice in other jurisdictions to the development of the strategy.

The Board considered the strategic initiatives already implemented or planned. The Long term Strategy will build in these initiatives and provide a framework for prioritising projects. The Strategy will need to be ambitious but also deliverable and measurable. Key elements of the process will be to develop a vision statement, draw on international good practice in relation to court service transformation and develop a road map on how to achieve the vision. The Board recognised the benefits of developing a strategy at this time in the context of the Organisational Capability Review, statements by the Chief Justice, the judiciary and the Legal Profession on the need for reform of the courts, the Change Programme already in place and the need to align with best practice internationally and with developments in the wider public sector. Critical to the success of the strategy will be a comprehensive stakeholder engagement and consultation, and a capacity and agility within the organisation to implement a transformation programme and respond effectively to technological change and developments in the delivery of digital service.

It was agreed that a set of guiding principles that would inform the development of the Strategy would be very useful.

The Chairperson thanked PA consulting for attending the meeting and for their presentation on the development of the Long Term Strategy.

An additional Board Meeting will be held in March to consider the development of the Strategy.

ATTENDANCE

Present: The Hon. Mr. Justice Frank Clarke, Chairperson
The Hon. Mr. Justice George Birmingham
The Hon. Mr. Justice Peter Kelly
The Hon. Mrs. Justice Elizabeth Dunne
The Hon. Mr. Justice Michael Peart
The Hon. Mr. Justice Seamus Noonan
The Hon. Mr. Justice Ray Groarke
Her Honour Judge Rosemary Horgan
Judge Gerard Haughton
Mr. Brendan Ryan
Mr. Micheál P. O'Higgins S.C.
Mr. Michael Quinlan
Mr. Damien Downey
Ms. Carol Baxter
Ms. Karen Kiernan
Ms. Patricia King
Ms. Deirdre Kiely

Officials Present: Mr. Sean Quigley, Head of Resource Management
Mr. Paul Burns, Head of Infrastructure Services
Ms. Marie Ryan, Secretary