Minutes of a Board Meeting of Strategic Investment Board Limited

Held at 2.00 pm on Monday 15th October 2018 at
Lighthouse Building
Gasworks Business Park
Belfast

Present:
Gerry McGinn (GMcG)(Chair)
Danny McSorley (DMcS)
Duncan McCausland (DMcC)
Kathryn Thomson (KT)
Brett Hannam (BH)

In attendance:
Gregor Hamilton (GH)
Scott Wilson (SW)
Conor Taggart (CT)
Bryan Gregory (BG)(Item 20 only)

Apologies:
Marie Therese McGivern (MTM)


Declarations of interest

1. The previously stated declarations of interest were confirmed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

2. The minutes of the September 2018 board meeting were approved. With regard to matters arising, BH noted that the NICS board had approved the terms of the Letter of Expectation but it would be submitted to the TEO Board for final approval before being issued by Mark Browne.

3. KT suggested that it would be useful at the board strategy day to pick up on the discussion with Dave Vincent at the September board regarding digitisation and change management, and
the potential role which SIB could play in promoting it. It was agreed to seek a lessons learnt paper from Dave Vincent.

Chairman’s and Directors’ Business

4. GMcG confirmed that the strategy meeting was scheduled for afternoon and evening of 12 November 2018. KT apologized for being unable to attend and GMcG said he would speak to her in advance to ensure her views were taken into account.

5. GMcG noted that KT had received a letter from TEO regarding a six month extension to her term as director.

6. GMcG asked for an update on the potential issues arising from the continuing absence of ministerial decision making.

7. BH noted that SIB was expecting at least a 4% budget cut for the coming year (although no specific figures had yet been issued).
Report from Remuneration Committee

8. BH explained that the Pay Remit for 2016-17 had been approved and would be implemented. The committee had discussed options for payment of the 2017-18 increment. Louise Millen would bring forward a revised options paper for final determination.

9. BH noted that the committee had also discussed additional responsibility allowances.

Chief Executive’s Report

10. BH updated the board on some of the points in the CE Report. In particular:

- The plaintiffs had dropped their action in relation to the NI Public Sector Shared Network project and the project was proceeding to contract signature.
- The Lisburn Primary Care 3PD project had reached financial close on 8th October.

12. DMcS expressed concern over the inability to make progress on Casement Park – in particular the time required to process the business case (even if there were a minister available to approve it).

AMU Report

13. SW briefly summarised some of the key points from the AMU Report. He noted in particular:

- Local Authority Asset Management Support: SW Noted that all seven scoping reports were complete Asset Disposals
- Translink.

ISNI Report

14. MS took the ISNI Report as read. He explained that demand for data analytics continued to grow.

15. MS noted that Department of Health were proceeding with a data modelling programme and a similar smaller project was being carried out for Courts Service.

Quarterly Reports and Dashboards

16. The Quarterly Reports and Dashboards were taken as read.
17. DMcC suggested that risks 4 and 7 on the risk register could be combined since they were effectively the same.

**Letter of Expectation**

18. BH reiterated the position on the Letter of Expectation as stated under item 2 above. The Board noted the slight revisions to the approved draft.

**Finance Report and Media Pack**

19. The content of the Finance Report and Media Pack was noted.

**City Deals**

20. Bryan Gregory joined the meeting. He gave a presentation on the City Deals programme generally and the Belfast Regional City Deal and Derry-Londonderry City Deal in particular. He explained the way the City Deals were funded and noted in particular that the HM Treasury funding would be allocated to particular parts of the City Deal programmes, but would not be contingent on delivery of the other parts. He noted the importance of the “Digital” and “Innovation” elements of the deals, and the role of the Universities in bringing these forward.

**ACTIONS:**

BH to request lessons learnt paper from Dave Vincent.