

Meeting of the Implementation Body on Wednesday 5th January 2011

Present: PJ Fitzpatrick (Chair), Oonagh Buckley & Victoria Cahill (Secretariat).

Public Service Unions: Tom Geraghty Shay Cody, Sheila Nunan, Patricia King

Public Service Management: Ciaran Connolly, Brendan Duffy, Philip Kelly

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.
2. **Matters Arising:** The issue of the reduction in pay for certain staff within the Education Sector was discussed.

The position of unions remaining outside of the Agreement was discussed.

3. **Action Points:** none arising from the last meeting.
4. The Chairman briefed Members on meetings that had taken place since the last Implementation body meeting.
5. **Sectoral Arrangements:** Members were informed that Anna Perry of the LRC has been appointed as Chairperson of the Civil Service Sectoral Body.

In relation to current IR issues at the National Gallery, Management agreed to liaise with the Parent Department and revert to the Body.

6. Reports from Sectoral chairs were circulated and considered.

The Local Government Sectoral Body had requested a determination from the Body regarding paragraph 1.24 of the Agreement. Paragraph 5.18 (in relation to the Local Authority Sector) was also discussed in the context of one of the actions proposed by Management in relation to working arrangements in the sector. It was agreed that Management would discuss the matter with management within Local Government and revert to the Body.

Members agreed it was preferable that Revised Action Plans should reflect provisions as set-out in the Agreement.

7. In relation to reviewing/Assessing Revised Actions Plans, the Chairman advised of his view that Plans should be thorough and reflect both the provisions contained within the Agreement and of the of the National Recovery Plan.

An issue in relation proposals for veterinarians within the Department of Agriculture was raised. It was agreed that the Secretariat would cross-check whether these proposals were sufficiently reflected within the Department's Revised Action Plan.

8. The first formal review of the Agreement must take place before the end of June 2011 having regard to the Statutory timeframes under the Financial Emergency Legislation; it was proposed therefore that the review would take place in May. Once the Revised Plans had been formally agreed by the Body, the Secretariat would write to Departments, targeting a return of information for May 2011. Consideration would have to be given to the format & content of reporting returns. Information should start to be gathered now; it was suggested that the information could predate the Agreement itself.
9. Under other business, the matter of Local Authority & Craft Worker Unions' concern regarding non-compliance with contractors was raised. It was agreed to establish a sub-committee to monitor this issue. It was noted that there was potential overlap with the work of the Hidden Economy Monitoring Group, which could serve as a possible mechanism in this instance.