



Minutes of Board Meeting

Held in NTA HQ and via video conference on Friday 17th January 2025

Board Members in attendance

Mr Peter Strachan (Chairperson), Mr Hugh Creegan (Interim CEO), Mr Pat Mangan, Mr Brian McCormick, Mr Iain Docherty, Ms Eleanor O’Neill, Mr Richard Shakespeare (CEO of Dublin City Council), Ms Ann Fitzgerald, Mr Frank O’Connor, Ms Joyce Loughnan.

Others in attendance

All Items: Mr Philip L’Estrange, Director of Finance & Corporate Services; Mr Jeremy Ryan, Director of Public Transport Services; Mr Declan Sheehan, Chief Information Officer; Mr Bernard Higgins, Director of Transport Technology; Mr Richard Kelly, HEO (Minutes); Mr Gerard Cuddihy, Head of Governance - Chief Risk Officer.

Item 4: Mr Stephen Gallagher, Head of Corporate Strategy.

Item 5: Mr David O’Flynn, Group Head of Finance and Deputy CFO.

Item 7: Mr Eoin Gillard, Assistant Director – Transport Investment; Mr Mark Bradwell, Head of Procurement and Contract Management

Item 8: Mr Gerard McBrien, Corporate Risk Manager.

Item 10: Mr Barry Colleary, Head of Transport Modelling.

Item 11: Mr Rob Reid, ICT Security Manager.

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1. Declarations of Interest

a) Declarations of Interest

None.

2. Minutes

a) Minutes of Previous Meeting

The draft minutes of the Board meeting held on 20th December 2024 were approved with minor amendments.

3. Matters Arising & Board Schedule

The Board noted that a special meeting may be required in March/April in relation to MetroLink.

4. CEO Report & Statement of Strategy Quarterly Update

a) CEO Report

The Interim Chief Executive outlined key developments since the last meeting and provided an update on various items. The Interim Chief Executive then responded to other matters raised by Board members.

b) Statement of Strategy Quarterly Update

Mr Gallagher provided a progress update on the Authority's Annual Corporate Business Plan. Following the update, Mr Gallagher responded to questions from Board members.

c) 2025 Corporate Business Plan

Mr Gallagher provided an overview of the work related to the development of the 2025 Corporate Business Plan. Following the update provided and questions from Board members, the Board requested that the draft plan would be reviewed to check whether any items arising from Programme for Government, which was published subsequent to the issue of the draft 2025 plan, would need to be incorporated. It was agreed that the 2025 Corporate Business Plan would come back to the Board for a formal decision at the February Board meeting.

5. Finance Matters

a) Finance Report

Mr O'Flynn provided an update on the Authority's current financial position and responded to questions from Board members.

b) Budget 2025

Mr O'Flynn provided an overview of the proposed Administration section of the 2025 Budget for the National Transport Authority.

Following the overview provided, the Board approved the 2025 budget as it relates to the Administration budget for the Authority for the year.

6. Capital Programme Committee Report

a) Report from Committee Meeting

Mr Docherty provided an update report from the January meeting of the Capital Programme Committee. The Committee considered a number of items at its meeting, including a market capacity analysis report which has been provided by Transport Infrastructure Ireland. Mr Docherty

also reported on the Committee’s consideration of Metrolink and its meeting with the MetroLink Director – Mr Sean Sweeney.

7. Procurements

a) Bus Shelter Contract

Mr Gillard provided an overview of the procurement competition for the contract for the Supply, Installation, Maintenance and Advertising Rights related to Bus Shelters.

Following the overview provided, the Board approved the awarding of the contract to Clear Channel Ireland.

8. Risk & Governance Matters

a) Risk Update – For Information

The Board noted the Risk Report provided by Mr Cuddihy. The Board also requested that a paper be brought back to a future meeting regarding the emerging risks, relevant to the NTA, associated with the new Programme for Government.

9. Public Transport Operator Performance

Mr Ryan provided an overview of the Public Transport Operator Performance and responded to questions from Board members.

10. Research Ireland Centre for Sustainable Mobility

Mr Colleary provided an overview of the proposed Research Ireland Centre for Sustainable Mobility. Following the overview provided, Mr Colleary responded to questions from Board members.

The Board noted the overview provided by Mr Colleary.

11. Cybersecurity Update

Mr Reid provided an overview of the NTAs Cybersecurity Strategy and its plans for 2025.

A discussion took place on this item and Mr Reid responded to questions from the Board members.

The Board noted the update provided by Mr Reid.

12. AOB

None

Next Meeting: Friday 21st February 2025 @ 10.30 hrs at NTA HQ.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____