

A meeting of Laois and Offaly Education and Training Board was held on Thursday 28 February 2019 at 5 pm at The Portlaoise FET Centre, Tower Hill, Portlaoise.

PRESENT

Cllr. John Carroll (Chairperson)

Ms. Molly Buckley

Ms. Anne Starling

Cllr. Caroline Dwane-Stanley

Cllr. Tony McCormack

Cllr. Paschal McEvoy

Cllr. Padraig Fleming

Ms. Vivienne Keenan

Cllr. Sean Maher

Mr. Derek Scully

Mr. Frank Smith

Mr. Clive Davis

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Joe Cunningham, Chief Executive

Ms. Marie Bracken, Director of OSD

Ms. Pam Nolan, APO

Ms. Emily McAuley, APO

Ms. Jen Tonge, Clerical Officer

The Chairperson welcomed Mr. Clive Davis to the meeting and to the Board of LOETB.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Ms. Maura Brophy, Ms. Mary Cotter-Bracken, Cllr. Catherine Fitzgerald, Cllr. Eamon Dooley, Cllr. Eddie Fitzpatrick and Mr. William Flanagan.

2. SERVICE PLAN 2019

Members received a copy of LOETB's Service Plan for 2019. The Service Plan was prepared following receipt of the Letter of Determination from the Department of Education and Skills. The CE, Marie Bracken and Emily McAuley took members through the full document and members reviewed the projected receipts and expenditure for 2019.

A member commended the staff at LOETB for their hard work in preparing the Service Plan for 2019.

A member requested an update on the site for Dunamase College. The CE informed members that negotiations were at an advanced stage between DES and the landowner and he hopes to have positive news at the next Bond meeting.

A member asked for an update on the development of a car park at Tullamore College. The CE informed members that a meeting had been held with the Bondsman. Currently the

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Design Team are looking at prioritising the grounds work and are hoping to progress the carpark works as soon as possible. Given that the works must be tendered, it is likely that they will be completed during the summer period.

Members approved the Service Plan 2019

Proposed by: Molly Buckley Seconded by: Vivienne Keenan

3. CL0002/2019 - CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF **EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARDS**

Members received a copy of the Code of Practice for the Governance of Education and Training Boards. The CE took members through a summary document of the key changes in the new Code.

A member commented that there was significant additional work for administrative staff and asked if these concerns could be made known to the Department. The CE informed members that he would make DES aware of the concerns and that LOETB has looked for additional staffing specifically in the area of compliance.

Members approved The Code of Practice for the Governance of Education and Training Boards.

Proposed by: Paschal McEvov

Seconded by: Caroline Dwane Stanley

4. AOB

There were no matters discussed under AOB

Signed: Se_ 56_61 Date: 26/3/13. Chairperson

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