# **THE HERITAGE COUNCIL**

## DRAFT REPORT OF MEETING

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**Via Zoom**

##### NBDC Taskforce Committee

##### July 22nd, 2021

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**PRESENT**

Geraldine Tallon – Chairperson

Michael Parsons

Michael Farrell

Dr John Patrick Greene

Donald Hobern

Andy Bleasdale

Catriona Ryan

Virginia Teehan

Anne Barcoe

**APOLOGIES**

No apologies

1. **INTRODUCTION**The Chairperson opened the meeting by welcoming Andy Bleasdale, NPWS to the committee who will replace Ciaran O’Keeffe who has retired from his position at NPWS. She also thanked the Chairman for the discussion and agreement that took place at the Heritage Council Board meeting on June 24th which she attended to present NBDC proposal

**2. Minutes of the last meeting on 11th June 2021**

**Noted**: That there were some minor changes to the minutes which will be made and agreed at the next meeting on September 9th .

**3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**4. Legal advisory (Emmet Whelan, Partner Byrne Wallace)**

**Noted**: That Emmet Whelan from Byrne Wallace joined the meeting for this item to brief the committee on the detail of the advice he previously circulated to the Heritage Council in relation to the implications of the establishment of the CLG and established the undertakings, and associated costs, that could emerge from this decision. His advice detailed the implications in relation to the possible transfer of staff to the CLG and whether the Transfer Regulations apply and how the Council’s plans may impact the staff of the NBDC.

**Agreed**: That E. Whelan will provide a final letter of advice to the CEO based on the questions and concerns raised by the committee and include further advice on the industrial relations aspect to ensure a constructive and positive transfer of undertaking the staffs existing arrangements.

The Chairperson thanked E. Whelan for his very helpful contribution to the meeting which clarified and informed the thinking of the committee and underlined the complexity of the detail which the taskforce will get into in the next phase of the work.

**5. Update on Memo to Government**

**Noted:** That the Memo to Government will be ready to go on the Agenda on September 15th when Dáil return as the timeframe was too tight and a number of major items in relation to housing were on the agenda before recess.

**6. Next steps**

* E. Whelan, Byrne Wallace to provide a final letter of advice to the CEO
* C. Ryan to contact V. Teehan with any additional information required for memo to government.
* V. Teehan to prepare a communication plan which will involve Compass, NBDC Staff and the wider groups who work with NBDC
* C. Ryan to liaise with A. Barcoe as to timing for next meeting in order to finalise communications plan.
* Members of the Committee to consider the structure of the CLG and template of functions prior to the next meeting

**7. Schedule of Meetings**

**Noted**: That A. Barcoe will reschedule the next meeting in early September prior to memo to government being submitted.

**Any Other Business**

There was no further business and the meeting concluded at 12.10