



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Water Advisory Body**

**Tuesday 21 February 2023 at 11am.**

**Venue:** East Room, Custom House.

Attended by:

Chairperson Paul McGowan

Members Dónal Purcell Miriam McDonald

Martin Sisk Noel Byrne

Secretariat Claire Gavin Deirdre Byrne

Valerie Longmore

**1. Draft minutes of the previous meeting on 2 February 2023.**

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted and will be published on the WAB website.

**2. Declaration of any conflict of interest.**

There was no declaration of any conflict of interest.

**3. WAB Quarterly Report No. 4 of 2022**

The Secretariat provided an update on the drafting of the WAB Quarterly Report No. 4 of 2022. Work is progressing well and it is expected that the Report will be published by the end of February. The draft report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, was reviewed and amendments were agreed. The Chair will provide text on Key Events for inclusion in the Executive Summary and the Secretariat will confirm the correct wording, in respect of Noel Byrne's status as an interim member of the board.

#### **4. WAB website**

The Secretariat advised that post dissolution the WAB website will be no longer be active, its contents will be archived and a link to it will be placed on the DHLGH website. This process will take place as soon as practicable after dissolution and when all matters related to the WAB Annual Report 2022 are concluded.

#### **5. Confirm next meeting date.**

It was agreed that a short online meeting will take place on Thursday 6 April at 10am. The meeting will focus on the WAB Annual Report 2022, which will be prepared for publication by the statutory deadline of 28 April 2023. The Secretariat will draft the report, once the final Quarterly Report has been released, and will liaise with the Chair and members, as required. The meeting may be moved to a date later in April, depending on progress in respect of the report, and the Secretariat will provide at least 10 days' notice to the board, if such a change is required.

#### **6. AOB.**

It was noted by the Secretariat that it had been a pleasure working with the Chair and members of the WAB Board, this was duly noted by the Chair and members who complimented the work of and thanked the Secretariat.