

Minutes of Code of Ethics Committee

Date: 11 May 2016

Venue: 90 North King Street, Dublin7

Attendance

Authority: Josephine Feehily (Chair of Authority attended for items 1 and 2), Pat Costello (Chair of Committee), Judith Gillespie, Vicky Conway, Bob Collins

Secretary: Annie O'Malley

Executive: Catherine Pierse, Christopher Campbell

No conflicts of interest were declared in relation to any matters for discussion

1. The following items were considered and discussed as set out in the agenda:

- 1.1 Minutes from last meeting were approved
- 1.2 Public forum in September
- 1.3 Public consultation responses
- 1.4 Code of Ethics Themes
- 1.5 Approach to speaking up provisions
- 1.6 Review progress against timetable
- 1.7 AOB

2. Actions and matters of Note:

- 2.1 The minutes from the last committee meeting were agreed.
- 2.2 There was a discussion about the public consultation planned for September. The event would be designed to elicit structured feedback from mixed roundtable groups. It was agreed that the Executive would commence work on identifying a suitable location and speakers/facilitators. Farmleigh House was identified as a possible venue and it was decided that a speaker from the UK College of Policing should be

invited. The Committee noted the need for general public engagement as well as attendees from relevant state bodies and agencies that represent different groups.

2.3 The Executive provided an overview of the submissions received so far and there followed a discussion on the submissions by the Committee. It was agreed that an update regarding the submissions would be provided to the Authority.

2.4 The Committee discussed some of the key themes for the Code of Ethics and the issues to be captured in respect of those themes and in the preamble. It was agreed that the draft Code should also aim to include some examples that would illustrate the various ethical themes.

2.5 The Committee discussed the preliminary drafting presented by the Executive. It was agreed that the Executive would continue its work, taking into consideration the comments made by the Committee, the responses received from the public consultation, and further research.

2.6 It was agreed that the Committee would hold an additional meeting in order to discuss the drafting of the Code on 2nd/ 3rd June, the time to be arranged. The Executive would prepare a preliminary draft code, covering some of the agreed themes before that meeting.

2.9 The Committee discussed the provisions for speaking up/protected disclosures.

2.10 The Committee discussed the planned timetable for the Code of Ethics.