

**Minutes of Code of Ethics Committee**

**Date: 2 June 2016**

**Venue: 90 North King Street, Dublin 7**

**Attendance**

**Authority:** Pat Costello (Chair), Judith Gillespie, Vicky Conway, Bob Collins

**Secretary:** Darragh Stapleton

**Executive:** Helen Hall, 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 Private discussion for Committee
- 1.2 Minutes of last meeting
- 1.3 Next Ethics Meeting
- 1.4 Documents for discussion
- 1.5 AOB

**2. Actions and matters of Note:**

- 2.1 The minutes from the last Committee meeting were agreed.
- 2.2 The next Committee meeting was rescheduled for 5pm on 13 June 2016. It was agreed that the first draft of the Code of Ethics will be presented to the Authority at the meeting on 30 June 2016. An additional committee meeting was scheduled for 22 June at 2pm in order to achieve this.
- 2.3 There was a discussion about the preliminary draft Code of Ethics.
- 2.4 The Committee agreed to continue with the eight themes currently in the draft Code.

2.5 There was a discussion about the point of view that should be used throughout the Code. The Committee decided that the first person should be used for the present draft. It was agreed that this question should be considered at the public consultation.

2.6 The Committee suggested that an introductory paragraph should be included under each theme to introduce and contextualise the theme for the next draft. The Committee suggested that a number of examples should also be included relating not only to sworn but also to unsworn members.

2.7 The Committee agreed to give more consideration to speaking up/reporting wrongdoing provisions ahead of the next meeting.

2.8 The Executive agreed to review the draft Code before the next meeting taking into account the comments of the Committee.