Road Safety Authority

Board Meeting Minutes & Action Tracker Thursday 27th January 2022

Present	In Attendance	
Ms Liz O'Donnell, Chairperson	Mr Sam Waide, Chief Executive Officer	
Mr Dimitris Karagiorgis	Ms Kim Colhoun, Finance Manager, Finance &	
	Commercial Services	
Ms Sarah Johnson	Ms Laura Byrne, Admin Support	
Mr Derek Cawley	Professor Denis A. Cusack, Director, Medical Bureau of	
	Road Safety	
Ms Ashling Cunningham	Helen Kearns, Medical Bureau of Road Safety	
Mr John Cronin	Louise Lawlor, Medical Bureau of Road Safety	
Ms Donna Price		
Mr Kevin Goulding	Apologies	
	Ms Gillian Treacy	
	Mr Pearse White, Director of Finance & Commercial	
	Services & Board Secretary	

Board Minutes

1	Apologies and Introductions		
	Ms Liz O'Donnell, Chairperson welcomed the members to the meeting and noted the apology.		
2	Meeting in the Absence of the Executive		
	The members did not have a meeting in the absence of the executive.		
3	Conflict of Interest Declaration		
	No conflict-of-interest matter was declared by the members present.		
4	Minutes of RSA Board Meeting, Decision Record and Action Tracker of the 16 th		
	December 2021		

	The members considered the minutes of the meeting of the 16 th December 2021.				
	The Chairperson also walked the members through the minutes, the related action				
	tracker and any matters arising.				
	Driver house derogation will cease at the end of January. RSA does not seek				
	derogations and had advised the Minister on the risks of this derogation, but RSA				
	was instructed to proceed. The Board agreed to be stronger in road safety				
	messaging, and the risks involved rather than welcome any derogations going forward.				
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	The members agreed that the strategy and methodology regarding the Road Safety				
	Strategy to be brought for the 31 March 2022 meeting. This is still work in progress				
	on how the Strategy will be reported to Board. Summary of progress on the 15 SPI's				
	will provide sight of RSS actions and Corporate Plan program. Road Safety				
	Transformation Programme (RSTP) Board is chaired by DOT with RSA as Deputy.				
	Following the review and a status update given in relation to the outstanding actions				
5	the members approved the minutes.				
o o	Chairperson's Report				
	Ms O'Donnell informed the members of the eScooter article in the Irish Independent				
	which set out the RSA's stance and recommendations. An interview to be scheduled				
	with Ray D'Arcy on this topic.				
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	Academic Lecture to be held today. Press release to be issued to Board Members				
	regarding RSA, HSE and Trinity relationship on serious injuries.				
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	The members noted the Chairperson's Report.				

6 Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr Sam Waide, CEO brought the members through the following in his report:

Road Safety Update

Mr Waide brought the members through the latest road safety outcomes in terms of fatality and serious injury statistics and long-term trends as well as the relevant key road safety metrics in driver testing, vehicle roadworthiness, enforcement and education/awareness campaigns.

Fatalities has been recategorized since the board papers were issued with an increase to 136 fatalities for 2021. There has been an increase in serious injuries since 2013 for vulnerable groups and continues to be a challenge going forward. Mr Waide outlined that all fatalities to date in 2022 have been male. Meetings have been held with AGS on this continuing trend, including male drivers.

Driving testing wait times have improved to 10 weeks, which is the DoT service level agreement. Applicants to take an antigen test before sitting the test and confirm with tester. This needs to be clear on letters inviting to test as tests are not being conducted.

The members were also taken through the road safety key campaigns.

Public Affairs & Policy
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Road Safety Transformation Partnership Board will meet quarterly, and items updated at Ministerial meetings.
Driving licence exchange progress with a second progress.

Organisational design will have strategic hires for key posts. Communications with staff on the new structure is ongoing. Ms O'Donnell asked regarding new legislation regarding working from home if a policy and strategy should be developed. Return to office plans are underway. Workforce planning and operating model will entail hybrid working however currently waiting on Government details to be shared. The members stated that in 2022, circa half of road fatalities were over 65. RSA have engaged with Age Friendly Ireland on messaging and works are underway to identify a co-designed educational programme to highlight the risks to older persons. With lifting of restrictions more driving activity and self-awareness by older drivers is needed. Mr Waide confirmed campaign segment on this user group. Risk Report January 2022 Ms Colhoun brought the members through the detail of the risk report which included a summary of the risks at present as well as an outline of the Authority's Corporate Risk Register at present. The members noted the CEO and Risk Reports. 7 Approval for aware of contract for the scheduling, coordination, and delivery of road safety education events Ms Colhoun gave a summary of the contract which expires in March 2022. The members requested that the executive undertake further consideration of this contract/service and to come back to the March meeting with a recommendation on the optimum approach with regard to this service. 8 Approval for aware of contract for the provision of Contract Management and Related Services Ms Colhoun brought the members through the need, context and detail of the contract management and related services tender. Board agreed to award the contract. Report of the Audit & Risk Committee Meeting of 20th January 2022

	Financial outturn for 2021 reserves remains stable and higher than the optimum level					
	of reserves.					
	Ms O'Donnell asked in relation to financial position for completing RSS actions					
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	Statement of Resources submitted in July 2021 to Department. The concern has					
	been raised with the Secretary General that this needs to be added to the budget					
	allocation for next year.					
	Ma Calbaun confirmed a review of the current Credit Equility due to mature in March					
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10	Presentation by Professor Cusack – Medical Bureau of Road Safety					
	Alcohol interlock programme action 199 in the Road Safety Strategy.					
	This programme will establish a working group to consider and make					
	recommendations for the implementation of an alcohol interlock programme,					
	supported by a drink drive rehabilitation course in Ireland, for high-risk drink drive					
	offenders.					
	After the presentation, Members participated in a Q&A with MBRS. Board Members					
	thanked the MBRS for attending and for their presentation.					
11	Items for Further Discussion and Any Other Business					
	No items for further discussion					
12	Date of Next Board Meeting					
	The next Board meeting will be on Thursday 31st March 2022					

Signed:		
	Chairperson	
Date:		