

Road Safety Authority

Board Meeting Minutes & Action Tracker

Thursday 23 February 2023

Present	In Attendance
Ms Liz O'Donnell, Chairperson	Mr Sam Waide, Chief Executive Officer
Ms Sarah Johnson	Ms Alison Coleman, Director of People, Development and Culture, Acting Board Secretary
Ms Ashling Cunningham	Ms Denise Barry, Director of Strategy, Performance and Transformation
Ms Donna Price	Ms Sinead Hanley, Finance Manager
Mr Kevin Goulding	Ms Laura Byrne, Executive Office
Mr Derek Cawley	Assistant Commission Paula Hilman, Inspector Peter Woods, Sergeant Robert Griffin, Garda Andrew McLoughlin
Mr John Cronin	Apologies
	Ms Gillian Treacy

Board Minutes

1	<p>Apologies and Introductions</p> <p>The members were welcomed to the meeting and the apologies were noted.</p>
2	<p>Meeting in the Absence of the Executive</p> <p>The members did not have a meeting in the absence of the executive.</p>
3	<p>Conflict of Interest Declaration</p> <p>No conflict-of-interest matter was declared by the members present.</p>
4	<p>Minutes from Board Meeting, Decision Record & Action Tracker of 15 December 2022</p> <p>Board Effectiveness review circulated and owners to be assigned to recommendations.</p> <p>Statistics on over 80 years of age discussed.</p> <p>Minutes approved by Board members.</p>



<p>5</p>	<p>Chairperson’s Report</p> <p>Chairperson would like to have meetings in January going forward.</p> <p>Media to send update to Board members of a briefing note on topical items that are generating a lot of attention on RSA.</p> <p>Meeting held with Minister Chambers on recent issues as well as JOC appearance on NCT and DT wait times. Minister doesn’t feel we can justify putting up cost of services at this time. Minister has confirmed they will help RSA financially if needed.</p> <p>Met with Keith Walsh Assistant Secretary in Department of Transport. Confirmed that a review of each agency to be undertaken. RSA hasn’t been reviewed by the Department. RSA are open to this review. Confirmed with Asst Sec that there was no financial or operational capacity to take on more responsibilities/services currently.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Chief Executive Officer’s Report</p> <p>Road Safety Update The CEO confirmed the number of fatalities is 32 since the report was published. Significant increase to 2021.</p> <p>Recent media article stats Ireland fatalities are higher than other EU countries, but this is not confirmed.</p> <p>Discussion around Go Safe vans and cameras. Aim is that Go Safe have impact on preventing collisions as well as targeting roads known for speeding.</p> <p>Driver casualties aged 80+ years against other ages discussed. Serious injuries not higher in this age group. Continue to work with Age Friendly Ireland.</p> <p>Review on campaigns and vision zero on a number of channels is underway.</p> <p>High number of attendances at RSA events including the annual conference.</p> <p>RSA supporting Department on technical regulations for eScooters. Three-month consultation period to be held. Chair asked that campaign needs to be launched on awareness, use, and for other road users to be aware of them before the summer. Age restrictions raised with Minister, and this has been agreed to be included as well as weight and speed which will be included the draft regulations.</p> <p>Speed review recommendations will include 30km for towns and cities which RSA will support. Report and more detail to be shared and discussed with Board after finalisation of the report and once approved by the DoT / Minister.</p>



	<p>Submission to the DOT for additional testers was discussed. Increased demand to drive from the public and in particular young persons is key factor in business case submitted to Department. Meeting scheduled with department to review case on Monday 27 February. Once sanction approved recruitment can begin. Multiple learner permit issue is a problem to be tackled and has been factored into options for consideration under the business case.</p> <p>In discussions with AGS and the Courts on sharing data across the agencies and digital EU driving licence by 2028.</p> <p>Engagement and Stakeholder plan for 2023 to be shared with Board. Chairperson asked that consideration to a group of local councillors to engage on road safety matters could be of value in addressing engagement within authorities on road safety matters/Vision Zero.</p> <p>Update provided by Ms. Coleman on blended working pilot launched on February 13 i.e. working 2 days in the office or 7 days a month, 2 collaboration days for the team and full coverage across all services. 3-month review to be held. 160 applications across office staff presently. RSA to consider the 4-day working week which is being discussed across the public services.</p> <p>Board agreed that a BCP test event should be held as soon as possible.</p> <p>Risk Report February 2023</p> <p>Reviewed and approved by Board.</p> <p>Road Safety Transformation Performance</p> <p>Annual review workshop held on 2nd February. Feedback and areas for priority in 2023 to be reviewed. Speed and enforcement were discussed. Data sharing which may need legalisation discussed.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Business Planning & Budget 2023 – Denise Barry and Sinead Hanley</p> <p>Denise Barry and Sinead Hanley joined the meeting and gave an update of the business plan for 2023 and key strategic priority projects.</p> <p>Sinead Hanley presented a high-level walk through of the financial position for 2023. This has been sent to the department. Projections to be sent and a meeting to be arranged with Kevin Goulding as Chair of ARC ■</p> <p>Business plans are being processed and prudent approach to projects.</p> <p>2023 budget will be reviewed to reflect actual and if there are changes prior to next board meeting this will be circulated and a meeting scheduled if necessary.</p> <p>Denise and Sinead left the meeting, and the board thanked them for the update.</p>



<p>8</p>	<p>Presentation by An Garda Siochana</p> <p>Assistant Commission Paula Hilman, Inspector Peter Woods, Sergeant Robert Griffin, Garda Andrew McLoughlin joined the meeting and gave a demonstration of the poly drug testing devices used at checkpoints. This testing can be carried out at Inspector authorised checkpoints, at road collisions and can be carried out by any Garda. 3865 authorised checkpoints carried out in January. 340 arrests at these checkpoints, with cause or at a collision. 100% of roads policing will have done the training on the use of the new poly drug device.</p> <p>Drink or drug driving offence on eScooters will be a specific offence in legislation.</p> <p>AGS RSA to discuss if awareness campaign on carrying a prescription is necessary. This is included in the Age Friendly Ireland newsletter.</p> <p>Discussion on the limits, as provided for in legislation, on Illegal drugs and how this is applied on roadside checks. Noted that if the poly test is positive a blood specimen will be sent for confirmation. One year disqualification and fine of up to €5,000 for first offence. Discussion on prescription medication was also undertaken with queries on certain drugs and the process currently employed by AGS on the roadside.</p> <p>Awareness campaign needed to highlight the offence and penalties and consequences for this offence.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Discussion on the enforcement of escooters on the road and how AGS consider these matters. Discussion on speeds, the standard of the scooter as well as factors such as seizing, and storage were discussed with the board.</p> <p>Invitation to hold a board meeting at Garda offices and board are welcome to attend a checkpoint to observe.</p> <p>Board thanked AGS for their presentation.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Audit & Risk Committee Meeting Update – Kevin Goulding</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Indexation impact and consequences outlined. Noted further discussion to be undertaken with Chair of the ARC on known projections into 2023.</p> <p>Net monthly financial improvement to be shared in the ARC pack.</p>



	<p>Risk reporting refinements discussed and will include further information.</p> <p>Audit universe and presentation to be updated to show overall coverage and focus of areas of most risk.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>C&AG to attend the May ARC meeting.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Board noted the report and thanked Kevin for the update</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Items for Further Discussion and Any Other Business</p> <p>2023 Board Meeting & Audit and Risk Committee dates agreed by members.</p> <p>Agreed to move Thursday May 25 meeting to Friday May 26 in Ballina and July meeting to be held on Thursday July 20 2023. ARC to be pulled forward in July.</p> <p>Future Board meeting to be held in January each year.</p> <p>Board Effectiveness Review (KPMG) recommendations to be captured in a tracker with assigned owners. Update to be shared at next board meeting.</p> <p>Events calendar to be shared.</p> <p>Leading Lights confirmed for December 07, 2023.</p> <p>Annual conference to be held on October 04, 2023</p> <p>Bikesafe press safe launch and St Patrick Day Launch to be held in March.</p> <p>Board members expressed an interest in attending upcoming launches and events as well as AGS checkpoints where possible.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Date of Next Board Meeting</p> <p>The next Board meeting will be on Thursday 30 March 2023 in Dublin</p>



Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____

