Road Safety Authority

Board Meeting Minutes & Action Tracker Thursday 28 April 2022

Present	In Attendance	
Ms Liz O'Donnell, Chairperson	Mr Sam Waide, Chief Executive Officer	
Mr Dimitris Karagiorgis	Ms Kim Colhoun, Acting Director of Finance &	
	Commercial Services & Board Secretary	
Ms Sarah Johnson	Ms Laura Byrne, Admin Support	
Ms Donna Price	Guest Speaker – Michael Rowland, Director of Road	
	Safety Research and Driver Education	
Mr John Cronin	Guest Speaker – Alison Coleman, HR Manager	
Ms Ashling Cunningham	Apologies	
	Mr Derek Cawley	
	Mr Kevin Goulding	
	Ms Gillian Treacy	

Board Minutes

1	Apologies and Introductions		
	The 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 28 April 2022		
	Letter received from Minister Ryan in response to RSA letter. Response being drafted from RSA stating age limit should be enforced for escooter purchase and use.		



A It was suggested RSA engaged with children's medical groups who would be in favour of age restrictions.

Minutes agreed by Board.

5 Chairperson's Report

Funding for RSS is not available for 2022. Process for 2023 is beginning now. Executive to discuss funding concerns with the organisations who had requested funding. Letter being prepared to issue to both Ministers.

The Board Members highlight their concern and disappointment with the increasing number of fatalities and Board is concerned with the trend numbers are going

The escalation of fatalities was discussed, it was agreed that the Board needs to highlight that we need the funding to complete actions. RSS Actions on 30km/h speed zones, speed zones at schools and urban areas not being committed to.

The Board is concerned that the strategy needs to be re-launched. The team will provide an update at the June meeting to discuss a plan the communication plan for Vision Zero and the Government Road Safety Strategy across all sectors of society. The communication strategy could be bite size over 2 years with roadshows around the country.

6 Chief Executive Officer's Report

The CEO brought the members through the following in his report:

Road Safety Update

The Board reviewed the 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.

A detailed discussion on the impact of escooters took place Technical standards regulations will include weight of escooter which will apply to any seller in Ireland. Standards will also include lights. DoT agreed that maximum speed will be set out within regulations. RSA recommendation is 20kmph. Wearing of helmets, PPE and other safety equipment will be advisory to wear them for safety and can be promoted by RSA.



Risk Report April 2022 Executive 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. The members noted the CEO and Risk Reports. Update on Road Safety of HGV 7 Mr Rowland provided an overview in fatalities and serious injury collusions. The Board enquired regarding dates for new technology to be available and implemented on vehicles. It was stated that General safety regulation is EU responsibility in terms of when new technology is mandated and implemented. The Board asked if RSA can have an campaign highlighting blind spot concerns in the vehicles and more awareness on this area.

8 MAIS Serious Injuries Update

The Board is happy this is in process and working with TARN on all serious injuries including road injuries since 2013.



	Chairperson said that campaigns with narratives with personal stories and living with serious injuries are very impactful on road safety and changing behaviour.		
9	Report of the Audit & Risk Committee Meeting of the 21st April 2022		
	Meeting overview provided		
	An ARC Member noted advisory on cyber security moved to medium for Ireland and RSA has a response and recovery piece and plan for organisation. Response plan can be brought to the Board for update.		
10	Organisation Redesign		
	The diversity agenda was queried by the Board. The Executive outlined this is a key objective for HR and confirmed that all recruitment opportunities address this. This should be replicated with our external contractors, and this can be captured at tender process.		
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	Noad Safety Strategy Views or concerns by RSA Board can be formally feedback to the RSTP Board and their Chair who is the A/Sec of DOT.		
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