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## Minutes of Board Meeting of Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB)

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Time:** 4:30 pm

**Venue:** Online MS Teams

### Present:

Brigid Manton, Charlotte O'Donovan, Colm Kilgallon, Councillor Angela Donnelly, Councillor Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Councillor Michael Clark, Councillor Mick Duff (Cathaoirleach), Councillor Pamela Kearns, Councillor Vicki Casserly, Dara Fitzpatrick, David O'Connell, Ken Farrell, Sarah Widaa, Wayne Carey

### Apologies:

Councillor Dean Mulligan, Councillor Eoghan Dockrell, Councillor Jacqueline Burke, Councillor John Walsh, Councillor Thomas Joseph, Councillor Yvonne Collins, Claire McGing

### In Attendance:

Caitríona Murphy, Chief Executive; Paul Turner, Director of Organisation Support and Development; Mark McDonald, Director of Schools; Nichola Spokes, Director of Schools; Siobhan Lynch, Director of Further Education and Training; Thea Jordan, Public Affairs Officer; Claire Keane, Governance.

### Documentation:

Uploaded Electronically

### Welcome

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Mick Duff welcomed members to the meeting.

#### 1. Apologies/Condolences

Apologies from Councillor Dean Mulligan, Councillor Eoghan Dockrell Councillor Jacqueline Burke, Councillor John Walsh, Councillor Thomas Joseph, Claire McGing were noted.

#### 2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

#### 3. Matters for the Resolution of the Board

##### 3.1 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 will be brought to the next meeting of the Board.

##### 3.2 Dual Purpose Sports Centre Funding

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The executive provided an update to Board members in relation to funding for 2025 and beyond for a number of dual-purpose sports Centres, including current funding allocations.

Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board manages a number of dual-purpose sports centres across Dublin, having been allocated this responsibility by government from 2007 onwards. These facilities are located beside post-primary schools for the use and benefit of students in the schools, neighbouring schools and also for use by the public including sports and community groups outside of school hours.

The dual-purpose use of these facilities requires specifically allocated government funding to ensure their management, staffing, upkeep and provision of sports centre services to the public in surrounding communities. Through a range of Government departments and related agencies, funding has been provided annually since 2008.

The centres are currently funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) through Pobal, with contributions also received from the Department of Education (DoE), Local Authorities and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY).

The centres provide an essential service to their communities, for example, youth services, childcare, after school groups, services for people with disabilities, etc.

Due to a revision of policy and funding criteria in 2023, there is currently uncertainty around the continuity of funding for the dual-purpose sports centres managed by DDLETB. Presentation uploaded by DDLETB.

Board Members agreed to write as the Board of DDLETB to the Minister Humphries. The Chair will draft a letter to the Minister to issue tomorrow (26<sup>th</sup> November 2024). Board members were reminded of the confidentiality regarding this matter.

**4. Date of Next Meeting**  
20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 TBC