



SWIM IRELAND BOARD MEETING TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2022 POINTS OF NOTE FOR BOARD, CLUBS, REGIONS, AND STAFF

The Swim Ireland Board of Directors held its fourth meeting on Tuesday 25 October 2022. The meeting took place virtually. The following Points of Note may be of interest:

- The Board reviewed and approved the 2023 Sport Ireland Core Grant Application and the final Resilience Grant Application (to support Sport during the Pandemic and to recover and rebuild thereafter) which have been submitted to Sport Ireland for consideration.
- The Board reviewed the Finance Report and Management Accounts for September 2022 including a Budget Forecast to the end of 2022 which is anticipating a deficit for 2022 against an original budgeted small surplus. The Board noted that this is the first time in many years that the organisation is forecasting a less favourable financial position at year-end than originally budgeted, driven by the post-COVID recovery and challenging economic climate. The Board also noted that additional funding applied for under Sport Ireland Resilience Funding has not been included in the Re-Forecast. This additional funding will eliminate some, if not all, of the forecasted deficit, if successful.
- Further to previous Board discussions on the importance of our Stakeholders and how we engage with them, the Board received a presentation on our Stakeholder Support and Management Framework. The Board noted that a significant amount of work had been undertaken to map out the various Stakeholder Relationships including those relevant to the implementation of our 2022-2026 Strategy and to seek to ensure appropriate Stakeholder engagement.
- The Board approved the 2023 Budget in principle, on the understanding that the final Budget will be approved when Sport Ireland Funding levels for 2023 are known.
- The CEO updated the Board on a mix of Operational and Strategic matters including an update on the work underway related to the preparation of a Report on Swimming Pool Infrastructure to be shared with the Minister and Sport Ireland. It will emphasise and explain the need to look at swimming pool infrastructure differently in light of new technology and developments in the area and will reference various options for consideration in this regard.
- The Board received an update on Ticketing Policy for the Paris 2024 Olympics following an update from the Olympic Federation of Ireland (OFI). The Board noted that as with previous Olympic Games swimmers will only be allocated one ticket for a family member per session that they are competing in, rather than the two that is generally available in other sports due to the lower numbers of spectator seating at the Aquatics at the Games and the high demand for the Swimming Events. The CEO will liaise with the OFI in relation to our options in this regard.



- The Board approved changes to the Officials Selection Policy and to the Terms of Reference of the Athletes Commission.
- The Board received the Swim Ireland Complaints and Disciplinary Officer's (CDO) Report and noted that the number of cases has grown consistently now that our Clubs have returned more or less to full action. There are currently 7 cases open, 5 of which are linked.

➤ **The next meeting of the Board will take place on Tuesday 29 November 2022.**

Mary McMorrow
Company Secretary
2 November 2022