



# An Chomhairle Pinsean The Pensions Council

## Minutes

### **Pensions Council Meeting**

**12 February 2024 @ 14:00**

**Venue: MS Teams**

#### **Council members in attendance:**

Roma Burke (Chair)  
Clare Dowling  
Olive Gaughan  
Ciara McLoughlin  
Munro O'Dwyer  
Joanne Roche

#### **Council members apologies:**

Deirdre Cummins  
Stephen Gillick  
Brendan Kennedy  
Tim O'Hanrahan

#### **Also present:**

Aaron Bayle, Department of Social Protection  
Christine Lutz (Secretary, note taker)

Quorum: Quorum present – 6 members present (6 required for Quorum)

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#### **1. Welcome and introduction – Conflict of interest**

The Chair referred to the Pensions Council's Register of Interests and asked the Council members to consider any new potential conflicts of interest or other interests that have not yet been declared. All members confirmed there were no relevant changes in circumstances to be reported.

#### **2. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted by the members.

### **3. Strategic work in progress**

#### **Alternative AE proposal**

The members debated their views on what the Council's final recommendation to the Minister.

Every Council member presented their view. Council members not present at the meeting had been given the opportunity to submit their views prior to the meeting. Submissions received were read and considered by all during the meeting.

Council members agreed on their final recommendation to the Minister both in a letter addressed to the Minister and also incorporated in the main body of the report. It was decided that the Chair would draft the final recommendation reflecting the discussion which would then be circulated to all Council members for a final review and agreement.

#### **4. Next meeting**

The next Council meeting is scheduled to be held virtually via MS Teams on Wednesday, 21 February 2024 @ 3pm.

#### **Action Items:**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Action Details</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Date to be completed:</b>
1	Chair to draft recommendation and circulate to all PC members for review and agreement.	Chair	As soon as possible.