



An Chomhairle Pinsean The Pensions Council

Minutes

Pensions Council Meeting

21 May 2025 @ 15:00

Venue: MS Teams

Council members in attendance:

Miriam Bourke
Deirdre Cummins (Chair)
Olive Gaughan
Ciara McLoughlin
Joanne Roche
Grace von Offenbergs Sweeney
Colum Walsh

Council members apologies:

Brendan Kennedy
Rickard Mills
Patrick Moran

Also present:

Jack Fitzmaurice, Department of Social Protection
Andrew Fagan (Secretariat, note taker)

Quorum: Quorum present – 7 members present (6 required for Quorum)

1. Welcome & Declaration of new interests

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, and none were 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. Operational matters

The Chair noted that the Pensions Council's representative from the Department of Public Expenditure NDP Delivery and Reform, Patrick Moran, will be stepping down from his role. It was noted that the Department of Social Protection is working to appoint a new representative.

4. Minutes and matters arising

The Chair had shared the draft minutes from the Pensions Council meeting held on 30 April 2025 prior to this meeting, which were approved by all members.

5. Developments in the pensions environment

The Chair noted the monthly briefings prepared by Jack Fitzmaurice from the Department of Social Protection. Colum Walsh provided an update on work in progress at the Department of Social Protection, noting that the tender for AE investment managers is nearing completion. The recruitment for the National Automatic Enrolment Retirement Savings Authority CEO is underway, with recruitment for the Board of NAERSA scheduled to begin imminently via the Public Appointments Service. Colum also announced that work is ongoing on the widows' pensions, scheme authorisation, and master trust regulation.

6. Strategic work in progress

6.1 Projects & Topics for Consideration

The Council discussed a list of potential projects and topics, with Council members sharing their insights and opinions and agreeing to review those further.

6.2 Letter to the Minister for Social Protection

A letter to the Minister of Social Protection in relation to his priorities for the Council was approved by all Council members.

7. Next meeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled to be held (virtually) on 18 June 2025 @ 3PM.

8. AOB

Olive Gaughan noted that the Society of Actuaries are hosting a webinar next week on pensions matters. Olive Gaughan and Joanne Roche will be in attendance and have agreed to circulate their insights with Council members.

Action Items:

No.	Action Details	Person responsible	Date to be completed:
1	The Council will take the working list of proposed topics	All	As soon as possible.

	away for further review and consideration.		
2	The Chair will send the letter to the Minister for Social Protection.	Chair	As soon as possible.
3	Olive Gaughan and Joanne Roche will attend a Society of Actuaries Webinar and circulate their insights to Council members.	Olive Gaughan, Joanne Roche	As soon as possible.
4	Secretariat to arrange for publication of the minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2025 on the Pensions Council's website.	Secretariat	As soon as possible.