

Minutes of 8th Meeting of the Authority (Incorporeal) – 4th Oct 2021

– held via video conference

Virtual via Zoom

Present:

Name	Detail	Initials
Patrick Hopkins	Chairperson	PH
David Brady	Member of the Authority	DB
Tom Costello	Member of the Authority	TC
Patricia Cronin	Member of the Authority	PC
Máire McMahon	Member of the Authority	MMcM
Graham Richards	Member of the Authority	GR
Martin Sisk	Member of the Authority	MS
Ercus Stewart	Member of the Authority	ES
Rosemary Keogh	Member of the Authority	RK
Katie Cadden	Member of the Authority	KC

Apologies:

Fergus Finlay

In attendance:

Name	Detail	Initials
Helen Martin	CEO	HM
Thomas Mullholland	Head of Compliance and Enforcement	TM
Madeline Delaney	Director of Legal Affairs and Registration	MD
Heidee Kealy	Head of Communication and Stakeholder Engagement	HK
Malachy Cardiff	Head of Corporate Affairs/Board Secretary	MC

Apologies:

None

Lisa Smyth and Seán Barton from McCann Fitzgerald joined the meeting.

1.0 Quorum

A quorum was present and the meeting was duly convened.

2.0 Apologies

The members noted the apologies from Fergus Finlay – Board Member.

3.0 Conflicts of Interest

The members were requested to declare any potential conflict of interest, whether real or perceived, with any items on the agenda.

No potential conflict of interests were declared.

4.0 Application to the High Court

- MD gave the Board an overview of the issues regarding the charity North Inner City Homeless CLG t/a Inner City Helping Homeless, the options available to the Charities Regulator and the rationale for choosing the recommended option.
- Members discussed the issues, the options and the process.
- Consideration was given to utilising S.74 of the Charities Act 2009, however, an application under section 571 of the Companies Act 2014 for the appointment of a liquidator was deemed more appropriate as immediate action is required.
- Members agreed that given the challenges faced by the Charity, and to ensure the books, records and assets of the Charity are secured, that the best option was to present to the High Court a winding-up petition in respect of the Company and the immediate appointment of a provisional liquidator to take possession and control of the assets and affairs of the Company pending the making of a winding-up order.
- Members acknowledged this decision is not being taken lightly. It is a decision of last resort in circumstances where the charity's trustees have ultimately been unable to address the pressing need for stability and certainty for ICHH staff, volunteers and service users.
- The following resolution was unanimously approved

That the CEO take all steps necessary, including applying to the High Court, to secure the appointment of a liquidator to North Inner City Homeless CLG T/A Inner City Helping Homeless (RCN 20101848) ("the Charity") in order to secure the assets, books and records, with a view to transferring the remaining services and assets of the Charity to another charitable organisation or charitable organisations with a similar charitable purpose to that of the Charity.

5.0 AOB

- There being no AOB the Chair thanked all for their contribution and closed the meeting.

Signed: Patrick Hopkins – Chairperson

Malachy Cardiff – Board Secretary