New Funding Model for ELC and SAC Expert Group Meeting Wednesday 03 November 2021 WebEx Minutes 08.30 – 11.30

Participants:

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Welcome

The Chair welcomed the Expert Group to the meeting. Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

Implementation Work Strand

The Chair led a discussion on the most recent draft of the Expert Group Report on the New Funding Model for ELC and SAC. The discussion covered issues raised by Members in their feedback on the previous draft. There was a focus on consistency with the Group's Terms of Reference and Guiding Principles; and suggested improvements to the draft.

Implementation Work Strand

The Expert Group discussed the timeline for and approach to design and publication of the report.

Officials from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth provided an update on the 2022 Budget allocation, including the introduction of a new Core Funding stream from September 2022 to begin the implementation of the Expert Group recommendations for a new funding model.

AOB / Close

The meeting of the Expert Group concluded, and the Secretariat will confirm date of final meeting.