

**Meeting of the Open Data Governance Board (ODGB) on Open Data  
Whitaker Conference Room, Department of Public Expenditure & Reform,  
Merrion Street, Dublin 2**

**2:00 pm, Monday 01 July, 2019**

**NOTE**

**Present:** Barry Lowry, OGCIO,  
Andrew O'Sullivan, CSO,  
Dr. Adegboyega Ojo, Insight Centre,  
Cianán Clancy, Independent News and Media,  
Daithí MacSíthigh, Queen's University, Belfast,  
Cronan McNamara, Crème Global,  
Martin Quigley, Affordable Childcare Scheme

**Chair:** Dennis Jennings, Knous

**Secretariat:** Angela Denning (DPER), Rhoda Kerins (DPER), Paul Fitzpatrick (DPER)

**Others:**

**Apologies:** Denis Parfenov, Open Knowledge Ireland, Baharé R. Heravi, UCD,  
Seamus Murphy, HSBC

**1. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

The chair, Dennis Jennings, welcomed participants to the meeting. The Minutes of the meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup> were approved. These will be published on the Data.Gov.ie.

The KPI's requested were dealt with under the ODU progress report.

**2. Open Data Update/Progress Report**  
**a. KPIs**

Angela Denning provided an overview of progress in Q2 2019. The progress Report will be published online.

A meeting of the PBWG was held on June 10<sup>th</sup>. It is intended that a sub group of the PBWG will be set up to assist and advise in the determination of High Value Datasets in the context of the transposition of the Open Data Directive. It was agreed that the Group would be renamed the **Open Data Advisory Group** as their function is more advisory than that of a working group.

The Open Data Liaison Officer's meeting, held on June 27<sup>th</sup>, was well attended. The focus of the meeting was to progress the development of data audits and publication plans by public service organisations. A Workshop was held to agree terms of reference and to agree the organisation of the group. It was agreed to meet more regularly and it was suggested that it may be useful to set up groups based around Themes.

To date, 432 public servants have availed of the open data training. The training contract with Urban Tide has been extended for a further year. Responding to a question from the Chair, Angela outlined how the new FOI training framework includes other means to access data such as Open Data.

Chairperson raised a question regarding the number of public bodies versus the number of Liaison Officers (LOs) appointed. It was suggested that targets should be set for the number of LOs to be achieved in a year against the number of public bodies.

Rhoda Kerins demonstrated the KPIs dashboard which is now available on the Portal. The dashboard was well received and it was noted that the number of datasets available via API was small. These represent very large datasets and are highly used. The Board requested that a graph showing usage of datasets would be useful.

Dr. Ojo suggested the need to target publishers. While GDPR remains a big challenge it was felt it is important to gather requirements to encourage the relevant public bodies to release more data.

It was agreed that it would be worth running another consultation to help target datasets which businesses want dynamic access to. As a first step a consultation with banking / financial services organisations should be set up as a Financial Open Data Forum. This could be followed with a consultation with small businesses.

**Action 1 (Secretariat):** Add questions on number of datasets published via API's and planned number to the Liaison Officers survey.

**Action 2 (Andrew / Secretariat):** Organise an Open Data Financial Forum with invitees from the banking and financial services sector.

## 2. Follow-up on actions arising from Design Thinking Workshop

### 2.1 Open Data Incubator - Update from sub group

A presentation was given by Cianán on *ODRI Sample Models July 2019*. This included 5 possible funding options:

1. Private Technology Start Up Fund
2. SBRI Funded Model
3. Applied Technology Centre Model
4. Public Private Centre (Disruptive Innovation Model)
5. GovTech Incubator

Cianán presented an overview of each funding model and highlighted the benefits and weaknesses of each option. Following discussion on the models presented it was suggested that further discussions with CeADAR should take place and an update given at the next meeting.

**Action 3 (Cianán):** Follow up discussions with CeADAR

### 2.2 Update on Open Data Health Town app – Andrew / Barry

A meeting had been held with Dept. of Health to discuss possible synergies with a number of initiatives they are developing such as a personal health portal. They were also keen to involve their anti-smoking project. It was agreed to meet with Health again in September.

A neighbourhood app with a preventative approach to medicine poses challenges such as subscription versus anonymous and, if anonymous, how to aggregate data in to a relevant geo area. A demonstration of 'Ireland's Local Statistics' was given by Andrew. The challenge is to return the smallest segment of data that does not identify an individual.

A specification is required for the app to determine the best path for the development of same, this must stipulate the use of open data and could link in to the incubator objective.

**Action 4 (Cianán):** To develop a 2 page specification for the app.

### 2.3 Update on Open Data/Data Literacy Training - Cronan

Cronan provided a presentation on the progress of the Open Data Literacy objective. He set out the 3 target groups:

1. Public Servants
2. General Public
3. Journalists

An approach to the training programmes with a possible course overview of modules was proposed. A number of providers and platforms currently available had been identified and these could be leveraged to provide data training. Other opportunities identified included leveraging the National Digital Strategy to insert wording on data literacy and use of open data.

Next steps will include approaching a number of current providers such as One Learning and the IPA to see how data literacy training might be incorporated into their programmes.

**Action 5 (Barry / Angela / Rhoda):** To approach OneLearning and IPA regarding data literacy training

**Action 6 (Secretariat):** To circulate the literacy study referenced.

### 4. Sign off on the Terms of Reference of the Board

The Terms of Reference are to be circulated for sign-off.

**Action 7 (Secretariat):** Circulate the TOR to the Board

### 5. Open Data Engagement Fund

The details of the 2019/2020 Engagement Fund are to be circulated to the Board members after the meeting.

**Action 8 (Secretariat):** Circulate details of the Engagement Fund categories to the Board

### 6. Any Other Business

Angela Denning informed the Board that she would be leaving the Dept. of Public Expenditure and Reform to take up the position of Chief Executive Officer for the Courts Service. The Chair thanked Angela for her contribution to Open Data and wished her every success in her new role.

## 7. Next Meeting

The Board agreed that the next meeting should focus on the 3 strategic objectives in order to progress these initiatives. It was agreed that the next meeting should be held early in September subject to the availability of members.

**Action 9 (Secretariat):** To confirm date for next meeting.

## Appendix 1

### ODGB Actions List

<b>Board meeting</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Due By</b>	<b>Status</b>
1 July, 2019	A.1	Add questions on number of datasets published via API's and planned number to the Liaison Officers survey.	<b>ODU</b>	30/08/2019	
1 July, 2019	A.2	Organise an Open Data Financial Forum with invitees from the banking and financial services sector.	<b>Andrew O'Sullivan / ODU</b>	Next Meeting	
1 July, 2019	A.3	Follow up discussions on Open Data Incubator with CeADAR.	<b>Cianán Clancy</b>	Next Meeting	
1 July, 2019	A.4	To develop a 2 page specification for the Health App as an initial proposal for the Open Data incubator.	<b>Cianán Clancy / Barry Lowry / Andrew O'Sullivan</b>	Next Meeting	
1 July, 2019	A.5	To approach OneLearning and IPA regarding data literacy training.	<b>Barry Lowry / Angela Denning / Rhoda Kerins</b>	Next Meeting	
1 July, 2019	A.6	To circulate the literacy study referenced.	<b>Secretariat</b>	16/08/2019	
1 July, 2019	A.7	Circulate the TOR to the Board.	<b>Secretariat</b>	19/07/2019	
1 July, 2019	A.8	Circulate details of the Engagement Fund categories to the Board.	<b>Secretariat</b>	19/07/2019	
1 July, 2019	A.9	To confirm date for next meeting.	<b>Secretariat</b>	30/07/2019	