



**Digital Isle of Man Executive Agency**  
**Digital Board Meeting Minutes**  
 Thursday, 4 of April 2024, 12:00 to 13:00  
 DfE StG Meeting Room 1

BOARD		IN ATTENDANCE	
DR PHIL ADCOCK (CHAIR)	PA	ALEX TRUMAN (MINUTES)	AT
LYLE WRAXALL	LW	ARIANE MONDS	AM
BERND PETAK	BP		
DEB BYRON (Via Ms Teams)	DB		
GARY LAMB	GL		
JASON BISSELL	JB		
LEE HILLS	LH		
MIKE BROMWICH	MB		
STEVE DOUGLAS	SD		
MARK LEWIN (NON-VOTING)	ML		
APOLOGIES		GUESTS	
ANN CORLETT	AC	RICHARD OLIPHANT	RO
JAIME AMOEDO	JA	KURT ROOSEN	KR
GREG ELLISON	GE		
RUSSELL KELLY	RK		
JOANNE THURLOW	JT		
ABBY KIMBER (NON-VOTING)	AK		

ITEM NO	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
023/24	<b><u>WELCOME</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting commenced at 12:00. PA welcomed the Board and guests.</li> </ul>	
024/24	<b>Standing item:</b> <b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ann Corlett</li> <li>Jaime Amoedo</li> <li>Greg Ellison</li> <li>Russell Kelly</li> <li>Joanne Thurlow</li> <li>Abby Kimber</li> </ul>	
025/24	<b>Standing item:</b> <b><u>NEW DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND RECEIPT OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PA - regarding the discussion of the Chair's Remuneration.</li> <li>JB - regarding the AI discussion.</li> </ul>	
026/24	<b>Standing item:</b> <b><u>MINUTES</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PA moved on to approval of the previous Digital Board Minutes, dated 07 March 2024.</li> </ul>	<b>APPROVED</b>
027/24	<b>Standing item:</b> <b><u>ACTION LOG</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PA highlighted the following action from the Action Log:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An action to arrange a discussion with LH regarding an AI company.</li> <li>LW confirmed to the Board that arrangements for this discussion are underway, highlighting that some developments from the Innovation Challenge also necessitate this discussion.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>CARRIED OVER</b>



<p>028/24</p>	<p><b>PAPERS FOR NOTING:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PA announced 9 papers for noting:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chief Executive Summary</li> <li>2. DIOM Scorecard</li> <li>3. Opportunity Dashboard</li> <li>4. Marketing Dashboard</li> <li>5. Project Reports</li> <li>6. ASEAN Event Report</li> <li>7. PGC Event Report</li> <li>8. Gamesforum Event report</li> <li>9. AI Press Release</li> </ol> </li>   <li>• JB articulated his concerns regarding coverage of the Fintech sector.</li> <li>• LW informed the Board that the Digital team will undertake a comprehensive analysis of the opportunity pipeline after this Board meeting. LW added that a new Strategic Partnership Manager is joining DIOM, thereby enhancing the team.</li>   <li>• GL asked if there was a further update on Immigration.</li> <li>• LW advised that the issue was discussed across all Agencies on April 3; all four Agencies presented a summary of issues to solve.</li> <li>• ML advised that a cross-Government working group was formed; additional resources are being reallocated to help; many Ministers have supported the need for intervention.</li> <li>• GL queried if regular communication could be provided to the industry to keep them abreast.</li> <li>• ML confirmed that the appropriate messaging to industry will be created and conveyed.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ALL NOTED</b></p> <p><b>LW</b></p>
<p>029/24</p>	<p><b>DISCUSSION/DECISIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PA announced proceeding to the first topic – Digital Chair’s Annual remuneration.</li> <li>• PA left the meeting at 12:08.</li> <li>• ML thanked Board Members for their service.</li> <li>• ML explained that the Department had recently reviewed the position and remuneration for the non-executive Chairs of all four agencies.</li> <li>• This was last reviewed in 2019 and at that time it was estimated the work of the Chair was expected to take around 4 days per month, with remuneration set at £15,000 per annum.</li> <li>• Following a further update, the Department has reviewed the work currently undertaken by all four Chairs, which was estimated on balance to be nearer to 5 – 6 days per month, and also looked across broader public service appointments to other Boards and public bodies.</li> <li>• Following this review the Department determined to increase the remuneration from £15,000 to £22,000, alongside an amended contract to reflect the expectation of 5-6 days per month.</li> <li>• ML noted that the Department wished to record its appreciation for the work of the Chairs, all of whom bring relevant expertise and skills to the table and all four boards are being updated for transparency on this change.</li> <li>• PA returned to the meeting at 12:10.</li>   <li>• PA announced proceeding to the first decision paper - ODI Funding Request that sought the Board’s approval of a bid of £49,300 from the DfE Challenge Fund to accelerate the development of the Data proposition, working with the ODI on our Data Stewardship initiative.</li> <li>• ML explained to that the Challenge Fund was formed to support projects promoting the island, enhance business opportunities and offer economic benefits; this funding is available for initiatives not covered by existing revenue budgets.</li> <li>• KR talked to Board through the paper.</li> <li>• LH highlighted a potential challenge in onboarding CSPs, finding qualified data trustees and highlighted the importance of identifying training needs for trustees. The Board discussed potential solutions to this challenge.</li> <li>• PA asked the Board to provide their votes. The Board unanimously approved the request.</li> </ul>	<p><b>APPROVED</b></p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PA announced moving on the next point of discussion – Investment for start-ups, highlighting a recent discussion in the Chamber Digital Committee around the local investment ecosystem and its impact on the Digital Sector; and perceived lack of access to investors for entrepreneurs. PA highlighted Tekex Jersey, an incubator/accelerator which provides access to an investment ecosystem.</li> <li>• PA explained that DfE took responsibility for the entrepreneurial ecosystem some time ago as it was perceived as a cross-agency challenge, highlighting the need to reach a conclusion on this subject.</li> <li>• The Board discussed options for moving forward. ML suggested arranging a meeting with Andy Stewart (AS) and the other agencies to agree a way forward, define scope, instruments and outcomes.</li> <li>• ML left the meeting at 12:30. <b>ACTION:</b> Arrange meeting with Andy Stewart to discuss.</li> <li>• PA moved on to the next topic - Justice Reform Act (JRA).</li> <li>• PA informed the Board that concerns have been raised by several industry members regarding the JRA. It was noted that should this document be approved, it could have a detrimental effect on a range of companies in sectors which include egaming and financial services.</li> <li>• LW advised that DIOM has been in touch with businesses, explaining that only sections 4 and 5 have been brought into force, and that there is no intention at the moment to enact the remaining sections.</li> <li>• LW advised that key section that is considered a threat is Schedule 1 Division 1 Amendment to the Criminal Code 1872 at Section 45.</li> <li>• LW informed the Board that he will be meeting with the CEO of DHA to discuss this matter. The aim of this meeting will be to ensure DHA is aware of industry’s concerns; to understand our options in de-risking the situation and providing appropriate reassurance.</li> <li>• The Board agreed to highlight this concern to MHKs during normal conversations. <b>ACTION:</b> To provide a feedback/update during our next Board meeting on May 2.</li> <li>• PA confirmed moving to the next topic: AI Strategy.</li> <li>• JB left the meeting at 12:50.</li> <li>• LW informed the Board that DIOM believes JB would provide significant value as an advisor, as we continue work toward the execution of our AI Strategy.</li> <li>• LW explained to the Board, that the Agency’s proposal would be for JB to be engaged for a period 40 weeks, with a remuneration of £1,000 per week.</li> <li>• This role would include creating a set of clear goals and outcomes to measure success.</li> <li>• PA asked the Board to provide their feedback on the proposal.</li> <li>• The Board unanimously supported the proposal.</li> <li>• JB returned to the meeting at 12:55.</li> </ul>	<p>LW</p> <p>ALL LW</p> <p>APPROVED</p>
<p>030/24</p>	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Future board dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24-04-18 – Strategy Session: “Scope Our Infrastructure Strategy 2.0”, RO will lead the session.</li> <li>• 24-05-02 – Board Meeting</li> <li>• 24-05-16 - Strategy Session</li> <li>• 24-06-20 – Strategy Session</li> <li>• 24-07-04 – Board Meeting</li> <li>• 24-07-18 – Strategy Session</li> <li>• 24-08-01 – Board Meeting</li> <li>• 24-08-15 – Strategy Session</li> <li>• 24-09-05 – Board Meeting</li> <li>• 24-09-19 – Strategy Session</li> <li>• 24-10-03 – Board Meeting</li> <li>• 24-10-17 – Strategy Session</li> <li>• 24-11-07 – Board Meeting</li> <li>• 24-11-21 – Strategy Session</li> <li>• 24-12-05 – Board Meeting</li> </ul> <p>Meeting closed at 13:00</p>	

