

## **Minutes of the WAB Meeting with the DHPLG Water Division**

**Friday 6 December 2019 10.30am**

Venue: Room CH.B36B, Custom House, Dublin 1.

Attended by:

Chairperson Paul McGowan

Members Miriam McDonald

Martin Sisk

Michelle Minihan

Secretariat John F McCarthy

Neill Dalton

Darren Browne

By Invite Feargal Ó Coigligh

Karen Flynn

Shirley Groarke

### **1. Meeting with the DHPLG Water Services Governance Section**

The Water Division (WD) from the DHPLG were welcomed to the meeting.

The WD gave an overview of the organizations involved in water management and highlighted recent events involving the issuing of Boil Water Notices and their possible reasons. The work of the Output Monitoring Group was also discussed.

The WD highlighted that the Water Services Act 2017 does not limit WAB to using publicly available information in its reports. The WD also suggested that WAB should prepare a report to the Minister setting out its advices to date.

The WAB confirmed that it uses current metrics which rely on data that is either publicly available or published by bodies including the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU).

The WAB noted the suggestion in relation to preparing a report with advice to the Minister, however as it only published its first quarterly report in October 2019 it would be premature at this point.

The WAB and WD agreed that the lines of communication should remain open between them and a meeting should be scheduled at regular intervals and at least annually.