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From: Frazer, Helen
Sent: 03 January 2017 08:06
To: Brennan, Mike
Cc: Downie, Jill
Subject: RE: Friday 13th January

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Mike

I've checked David's diary he is clear on the afternoon of 13th January so you can offer anytime, preference would be around 2.30pm. Will you be joining the meeting?

Let me know when you have confirmed and I will book a room in Clare House.

Thanks.

Helen

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From: Brennan, Mike
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To: Donaghy, Jon - HMT
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Jon – I think this is a sensible idea.

I'll liaise with Helen on David's availability and get back to you

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From: Donaghy, Jon - HMT [<mailto:Jon.Donaghy@hmtreasury.gsi.gov.uk>]
Sent: 29 December 2016 16:20
To: Brennan, Mike
Subject: Friday 13th January

Mike

Hope you're actually on leave and not working at this stage...

Just wanted to mention something that I hope we can sort out for the new year. Jean-Christophe Gray, who is Director , Public Services in HMT (he replaced Lindsey Fussell this year) is going to visit Belfast on 13th January. We are doing some NIO-focused stuff in the morning. I was very much hoping we might be able to sort out something for him to meet David Sterling at some point in the afternoon for an hour.

My idea is that the best use of time would actually be a fairly informal introduction and frank/honest chat through how things stand on your side – looking forward to future years budgets and so on, probably also reflecting on RHI and other matters. And a better understanding for J-C of how things work in NI terms of actually setting budgets, getting political agreement and so forth.

Basically I think it would probably serve us all well to ensure that as and when David and J-C ever need to engage with each other, they have had the chance to build some sort of prior relationship. We might hope those circumstances remain rare, but I am a bit conscious of wanting to ensure the route exists – at the minute it's another thing where the default for senior folks on your side might be the NIO, which I'm not sure is always the right answer.

Let me know what you think – is this doable, both in principle and in terms of logistics for that date (which unfortunately is fixed).

Jon

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