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cc Daithí McKay

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CHAIR'S BRIEF FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR ENTERPRISE, TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN TITANIC QUARTER LIMITED, TITANIC QUARTER ON 30 JUNE AT 10.00AM.

Note to Chair: You may wish to advise members that following the meeting there will be a tour of the Titanic Signature Building which will last approximately 1 hour.

Note to Chair: Advise members that tabled today is a new agenda.

(10.00am) Agenda Item 1– Apologies

1. **Welcome** and remind members and the public that the meeting will be held in **public session** and that all mobile phones and electronic devices should be switched off as, even in silent mode, phones interfere with the recording system.
2. **Advise** members that apologies have been received from Daithí McKay, Sue Ramsey, Robin Newton and Stephen Moutray. **Ask** members if they have any further apologies.

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes of meeting held on 23 June

3. **Advise** members that copies of these minutes have been included in their papers at **Tab 1**. **Ask** members if they are content with the draft minutes.

Agenda Item 3 – Chairperson's Business

4. **Advise** members that papers on this item are at **Tab 2**.
5. **Advise** members that in papers is a letter from Tourism Ireland requesting a meeting with the Chair. **Ask** members if they are content to receive a written briefing in the first instance.

6. **Inform** members that it is normal practice for committees to delegate authority to the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson during periods of recess to submit views on the releasing or withholding of information in any non-routine / contentious FoI requests received. In the previous mandate, at the final meeting of each session, the Committee agreed to this delegation of authority, and that the Committee would be advised of any such requests, the views expressed by the Chairperson and/or Deputy Chairperson and the response issued by the FoI Unit, at the first available meeting following the recess period. **Ask** members if they are content that they continue with this practice.

Agenda Item 4 – Matters arising from 23 June meeting

7. **Advise** members that **tabled today** is correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding its response to Treasury's consultation on Rebalancing the NI Economy and corporation tax. **Ask** members if they are content to note.

(10.15am) Agenda Item 5 – NI Tourist Board (NITB): Oral Briefing

8. **Advise** members that papers on this item are at **Tab 4** and include information on the NITB draft Events Plan and Grant Scheme, a written briefing on PPS 16, answers to oral questions regarding the Foyle and Milk Cup and a briefing paper from NITB. The Assistant Clerk has provided a briefing paper with background and key issues.
9. **Advise** members that briefing the Committee today is Alan Clarke, Chief Executive; Kathryn Thomson, Chief Operating Officer; and Gillian Magee, Acting Director Corporate Development.

Agenda Item 6 – SR 2011/209 Tourist Establishments (Notices, Certificates and Forms) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011

10. **Advise** members that papers on this item are at **Tab 5** and include the SR, explanatory memorandum and report from the Examiner of Statutory Rules. There is a cover note with the background and purpose of the Rule. The Rule is subject to **negative resolution**. **Remind** members that the Committee **discussed this Rule at SL1 stage** at its meeting on 26 May 2011 and had **no comment** on the Rule. The anticipated date that the rule would come into operation is 1 July 2011.
11. The Rule will set out all the notices, certificates and forms which will be used in the inspection and certification of tourist establishments.
12. The Examiner of Statutory Rules' report is included in papers. He raises no points of technical scrutiny.

13. **Note to Chair:** *If members are content with the SR please put the following question:*
14. *“That the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment has considered SR 2011/209 Tourist Establishments (Notices, Certificates and Forms) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 and has no objection to the Rule.”*

Agenda Item 7 – SL1: The Factories Act (Northern Ireland) 1965 and Office Shop Premises Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (Repeals and Modifications) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011

15. **Advise** members that papers on this item are included at **Tab 6** and include the SL1 and a cover note.
16. **Advise** members that this SL1 is subject to **negative resolution**. The proposed date of operation is 31 October 2011.
17. The Statutory Rule will amend the Factories Act (Northern Ireland) 1965 and the Office and Shop Premises Act. These amendments will repeal the requirement, under these Acts, for employers to notify the Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland or their District Council, as appropriate, of any factory, office or shop premises where employees work.
18. **Inform** members that this is the Committee’s opportunity to consider the policy set out in the Statutory Rule. It is not possible to amend this once the Statutory Rule has been made and laid. **Ask** members if they wish to seek any points of clarification or if they are content.

Agenda Item 8 - SL1 The Petroleum (Consolidation) Act (Northern Ireland) 1929 (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011

19. **Advise** members that papers on this item are at **Tab 7** and include the SL1 and a cover note.
20. **Advise** members that this SL1 is subject to **negative resolution**. The proposed date of operation is September 2011.
21. The Statutory Rule will amend in the Petroleum (Consolidation) Act 1929 and is being made for the clarification of the scope of the powers available to licensing officers and the appeals procedure in relation to petroleum-spirit licensing.
22. **Inform** members that this is the Committee’s opportunity to consider the policy set out in the Statutory Rule. It is not possible to amend this once the

Statutory Rule has been made and laid. **Ask** members if they wish to seek any points of clarification or if they are content.

Agenda Item 9 – SL1 Proposed Electricity (Published Criteria for Generating Station) Regulations (NI) 2011

23. **Advise** members that papers on this item are at **tabled today** and include the SL1 and a cover note. This item did not arrive in time to be included in papers.
24. **Advise** members that this SL1 is subject to **negative resolution**. The proposed date of operation is July 2011. If the proposed date is the actual date that the Rule goes into operation, then the Committee **WILL NOT** be given the opportunity to consider the Rule at SR stage, which is not proper procedure. However, the Rule deals with a minor technical error.
25. The purpose of the Statutory Rule is to correct an omission in the Gas and Electricity (Internal Markets) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011 which transposed the majority of the requirements of an EU Directive. The omission precludes the Department from publishing the criteria of the Directive.
26. **Inform** members that this is the Committee's opportunity to consider the policy set out in the Statutory Rule. It is not possible to amend this once the Statutory Rule has been made and laid. **Ask** members if they wish to seek any points of clarification or if they are content.

Agenda Item 10 - Renewable Heat Incentive: Written briefing

27. **Advise** members that papers on this item are at **Tab 8** and include a briefing from the Department and a letter from the Minister to the Chair. The Assistant Clerk has provided a briefing paper with background and summary of content.
28. **Ask** members if they have any comments.
29. **Ask** members if they are content to receive the outcomes of the consultation when they become available, before the final scheme is developed and finalised by the Department.

Agenda Item 11 - Social Economy Enterprise Strategy: Written briefing

30. **Advise** members that papers on this item are at **Tab 9** and include a briefing paper from the Department and the Social Economy Enterprise Strategy Annual Report 2010-11. The Assistant Clerk has provided a briefing paper with background and summary of content.

31. **Remind** members that at last week's meeting they agreed to receive a written briefing after the independent review of the social economy sector with a view to considering an oral briefing from the Department and the Social Economy Network (SEN) on the report findings.
32. **Ask** members if they are content to receive information from the Department regarding its funding of the Strategy (to the SEN and Invest NI programmes).
33. **Ask** members if they are content to forward the annual report to the relevant statutory Committees for information.

Agenda Item 12 - HSENI Draft Corporate Plan 2011-15: Written briefing

34. **Advise** members that papers on this item are at **Tab 10** and include the draft corporate plan and a summary of consultation responses. The Assistant Clerk has provided a briefing paper with background and summary of content.
35. The plan aligns with the key priority of the Northern Ireland Executive's Programme for Government to grow the economy in that its impact will be to reduce the multi-million pound burden on the local economy brought about by health and safety at work failures.
36. **Ask** members if they are content to note.

Agenda Item 13 - Consultation on the potential for extending the natural gas network in Northern Ireland

37. **Advise** members that papers on this item are at **Tab 11** and include a briefing paper from the Department and the consultation document. The Clerk has provided a briefing paper with background and summary of content.
38. The consultation is seeking initial views on the main issues associated with extending the natural gas network.
39. **Ask** members if they are content to receive a summary of consultation responses from the Department.

Agenda Item 14- Consultation on the Electricity Safety, Quality and Continuity Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011

40. **Advise** members that papers on this item are at **Tab 12** and include a briefing paper from the Department. The Assistant Clerk has provided a briefing paper with background and summary of content.
41. The proposed Regulations will specify safety standards which are aimed at protecting the public from the dangers of electrical equipment. In addition the

proposed Regulations are intended to improve the reliability and resilience of electricity networks particularly in adverse weather conditions.

42. **Ask** members if they are content to receive a summary of consultation responses from the Department.

Agenda Item 15 – Renewable Energy Inquiry

43. **Advise** members that papers on this item are at **Tab 13** and include a response from the Department on the previous ETI Committee's recommendations from the Renewable Energy Inquiry. The Clerk has provided a written briefing.

44. **Tabled today** is an additional briefing paper from the Clerk with his analysis and a table with the recommendations, response from Department and suggested way forward. **Remind** members that this information was sent in an email to members yesterday.

45. **Ask** members if they have any comments.

46. **Ask** members if they are content to forward to the relevant committees for information.

Agenda Item 16 – Correspondence

47. **Advise** members that the following items of correspondence are at **Tab 14**:

- i. Response from the Department regarding estimated cost of cutting corporation tax and how long it would take to recover the "real money".
- ii. Letter from the Minister to the Chair regarding Electricity Market Reform (EMR). **Ask** members if they are content to receive the outcomes of DETI's review on the potential impact of the EMR proposals on NI when they become available.
- iii. Letter from the Minister to the Chair regarding the Consumer Rights Directive. **Ask** members if they are content to note.
- iv. Letter from the Construction Employers Federation (CEF) requesting a meeting with the Committee. **Ask** members if they are content to note as CEF is currently preparing a written briefing.
- v. Invitation to Committee from South Eastern Regional College (SERC) to hold a meeting on its premises. **Ask** member if they are content for the Clerk to contact SERC to discuss and to add the suggestion to the

Committee's forward work programme for the next session.

- vi. **Tabled today** is a letter from NIE following the meeting of 16 June, with information on NIE's investment strategy and pension scheme. **Advise** members that the full investment strategy is in the Committee Office if members wish to see it. **Advise** members that the information regarding the NIE pension scheme is restricted and members should treat it as so. **Note to Chair: if members wish to discuss the information contained in the document, you may wish to suggest moving into closed session at the end of the meeting to discuss the information.**
- vii. **Tabled today** is a letter from the Committee for Social Development regarding DETI's involvement in fuel poverty. **Ask** members if they are content to forward to the Department for comment.
- viii. **Tabled today** is a response from the Department regarding arms-length bodies. This originates from a request from the OFMDFM Committee. **Ask** members if they are content to forward to OFMDFM Committee.
- ix. **Tabled today** is an invitation from CBI to a breakfast event it is hosting for local businesses on 6 September. **Ask** members to contact the Committee Office if they wish to attend. **Advise** members that the Committee Office will send out a reminder for the event during recess.

Agenda Item 17 - Any Other Business

48. **Advise** members that there are no additional items of business. **Ask** members if they have any other business which they wish to raise.

Agenda Item 18 - Date, time and place of next meeting

49. **Note to Chair: You may wish to thank members for their efforts in this short term and look forward to working with them after summer recess.**
50. The next meeting of the Committee is on **Thursday, 15 September at 10.30am in Room 30, Parliament Buildings.**

Advise members that they will now proceed to the tour of the Titanic Quarter where there will be an initial safety presentation from the Project Manager.