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**Chairperson**

**cc Daithí McKay**

**Date: 24 May 2012**

**CHAIR'S BRIEF FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR ENTERPRISE, TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN ROOM 30, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, 24 MAY 2012 AT 10.00 AM.**

**Before the meeting begins: Advise members that the meeting will begin in closed session to allow members to discuss issues relating to the Research and Development Inquiry.**

#### **Agenda Item 1 – (Closed Session): Inquiry into Research & Development**

1. **Inform** members that papers on this item are at **Tab 1**.
2. **Remind** members that the Committee agreed to consider the full report at this week's meeting with a view to obtaining formal agreement.
3. **Ask** members if they have any comments on the draft report before moving into public session for formal consideration.
4. **Ask** members if they are content to arrange a press pre-briefing for the morning of Monday 11 June prior to the debate on the Inquiry which is scheduled for later that day. **Ask** members if they are content to invite Dr Norman Apsley, Chief Executive Officer of the Northern Ireland Science Park and Dr Paul Beaney from Cherry Pipes Ltd (both of whom provided oral evidence to the Committee) to attend the press briefing to provide a business and academia perspective to the Committee's recommendations.
5. **Ask** members if they are content to move to public session and to consider each section of the report for formal agreement.

**Advise members that the meeting will now move into public session**

**Note to Chair: you may wish to welcome Mr. Robin Newton back to the Committee and to thank Mr. Paul Givan for his contributions to the Committee.**

### **Agenda Item 2 – Apologies**

6. **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.
7. **Inform** members that apologies have been received from Paul Frew. **Ask** members if they have any further apologies.

### **Agenda Item 3: - Inquiry into Research and Development**

8. **Inform** members that papers on this item are at **Tab 1**. **Advise** members that you will now go through each section of the report for formal agreement.
9. **Ask:** Are Members content that the list of **Abbreviations and Table of Contents** stands part of the report?
10. **Ask:** Are members content that the **Executive Summary** at paragraphs **1–33** stands part of the report?
11. **Ask:** Are members content that the **Summary of Recommendations** at paragraphs **1-15** stands part of the report?
12. **Ask:** Are members content that **the Introduction** at paragraphs **16-27** stands part of the report?
13. **Ask:** Are members content that the **Key Issues and Findings** at paragraphs **28-214** stands part of the report?
14. **Ask:** Are members content that the **Conclusions and Recommendations** at paragraphs **215-252** stands part of the report?
15. **Ask:** Are members content that the extract of the **Minutes of Proceedings** at **Appendix 1** stands part of the report?
16. **Ask:** Are members content that the **Minutes of Evidence (Hansards)** at **Appendix 2** stands part of the report?
17. **Ask:** are members content that the **Rapporteurs Meetings** at **Appendix 3** stands part of the report?

18. **Ask:** Are members content that the **Written Submissions** at **Appendix 4** stands part of the report?
19. **Ask:** Are members content that the **Assembly Research Papers** at **Appendix 5** stands part of the report?
20. **Ask** members if they are content for the Chairperson to approve an extract from today's minutes which reflect the read-through of the Report. These are needed for inclusion at **Appendix 1**, minutes of proceedings.
21. **If members are content with the appendices: Advise** members that the report in its entirety will be laid in the Assembly Business Office after today's meeting.
22. **Advise** members that Appendices **2 to 5** of the report will be included in the CD ROM in the public version of the report.
23. **Ask** members if they are content to order **50** reports with a CD ROM and **15** full reports for printing.
24. **Ask** members if they are content to write to the following Committees - Agriculture and Rural Development, Employment and Learning, Finance and Personnel and the Committee for OFMDFM - to inform them that some of the recommendations in the report may be of interest to them.

#### **Agenda Item 4 – Minutes of meeting held on 17 May 2012**

25. **Inform** members that copies of these minutes have been included in their papers at **Tab 2**. **Ask** members if they are content with the draft minutes.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Chairperson's Business**

26. **Inform** members that papers on this item are included at **Tab 3**.

#### **Olympic Torch Event**

27. **Inform** members that included in papers is an invitation to the Chairperson from the Events office to a photocall with the Olympic Torch on 3 June. **Advise** members that they can use the opportunity to show support for the torchbearers.

#### **Forward Work Programme**

28. **Inform** members that the Department has asked for the Energy Bill consultation document to be deferred to the meeting on 31 May.

29. **Inform** members that the oral briefing on Electricity Market Reform and the Northern Ireland Renewables Obligations consultation which was scheduled for next week has also been deferred to the meeting of the 14 June.
30. **Remind** members they had asked for an oral briefing by Trading Standards on pay day loans. **Inform** members that the Department has suggested the 28 June.
31. **Ask** members if they are content to note.
32. **Inform** members that the Committee Office has been advised that the Department will not be in a position to brief the Committee on June Monitoring prior to returns being forwarded to DFP on 6<sup>th</sup> June. Papers were due to be considered by the Committee at next week's meeting (31 May). **Advise** members that the Department has indicated that officials will be in a position to brief the Chair and Deputy Chair the following day, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Matters arising from 17 May 2012 meeting.**

##### **Invest NI Committee Query**

33. **Remind** members that the Committee had asked for an update on the work being done by Invest NI to increase inward investment through overseas trade missions.
34. **Inform** members that Invest NI is seeking clarification on the Committee's request.
35. **Ask** members if they are content to ask Invest NI for an update on the benefits that have resulted from recent international visits and any resulting projects in relation to tourism and business.

#### **Agenda Item 7 (10.15 am) – George Best Belfast City Airport**

36. **Inform** members that papers on this item are at **Tab 5**.
37. **Inform** members that included in papers is a briefing paper from George Best Belfast City Airport. The Clerk has provided a briefing paper with background and summary of content.
38. **Inform** members that briefing the Committee today is Mark Beattie, Operations Director, Belfast City Airport.

39. **Welcome** the representative to the meeting and invite him to make an opening statement

**Agenda Item 8 (11.00am) –The Crown Estate – Northern Ireland Offshore Renewable Energy Leasing Round**

40. **Inform** members that papers on this item are at **Tab 6**.

41. **Inform** members that included in papers is a presentation from the Crown Estate.

42. **Inform** members that briefing the Committee today is Dermot Grimson, Head of External Affairs and Stuart Curry Offshore Wind Manager and NI Leasing Round Manager.

43. **Welcome** the officials to the meeting and invite them to make an opening statement.

**Agenda Item 9 (11.45am) – SL1 Renewable Heat Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012**

44. **Inform** members that papers on this item are at **Tab 7**.

45. **Inform** members that included in papers is correspondence to the Chairperson from the Department regarding Renewable Heat Premium Payment Scheme.

46. **Inform** members The Department has provided an analysis of the consultation responses requested by the Committee. Also included in the papers is the original SL1, the draft Statutory Rule and a cover note. The Clerk has provided a briefing paper with summary of content.

47. **Inform** members that at last week's meeting the Committee agreed to ask Assembly Research to provide details on the changes to the SL1 following consultation. **Tabled today** is an email from the Department to Assembly Research. There have been no substantive changes to the SL1 following consultation.

48. **Inform** members that briefing the Committee today are Joanne McCutcheon, Principal Officer, DETI Energy Division and Peter Hutchinson, Deputy Principal, DETI Energy Division.

49. **Welcome** the officials to the meeting and invite them to make an opening statement.

**Agenda Item 10 – Subordinate Legislation SR2012/179 The Control of Asbestos Regulations (NI) 2012**

50. **Inform** members that papers on this item are at **Tab 8**
51. **Inform** members that included in the papers are the Examiner of Statutory Rules report, the Statutory Rule, a correction slip and an explanatory memorandum.
52. 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 19 April and had no comment on the Rule. The rule will come into operation on 28 May 2012.
53. The purpose of the rule is included in the cover note. The Examiner of Statutory Rules had no comment to make.

**Note to Chair: If members are content with the SR please put the following question:**

**“That the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment has considered SR 2012/179 The Control of Asbestos Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 and has no objection to the rule.”**

**Agenda Item 11 – Reform of Northern Ireland Credit Unions: Financial Service Bill Legislative Consent Motion (LCM)**

54. **Inform** members that papers on this item are at **Tab 9**. Included in the papers is an Assembly Research paper on Credit Union Funding in Northern Ireland.
55. **Inform** members that, **tabled** today is a letter from the Minister in response to a Committee query on the outstanding recommendations from the previous committee’s inquiry. Ask members if they are content to wait until after summer recess to receive an oral briefing from officials. Also **tabled** is a copy of the Minister’s statement to the Assembly on Tuesday 22 March and the Legislative Consent Memorandum which includes the Motion. **Ask** members if they support the Legislative Consent Motion.

56. **If members are content, inform** members that **tabled** today is a copy of a draft Committee report on the Motion. **Advise** members that the following changes have been made since the Committee previously considered the report.

- Addition of paragraph 4 outlining the effect of the Legislative Consent Memorandum and the addition of an Appendix to include the LCM;
- Reference to the Minister's letter to the Committee of 21 May and reference to the Minister's statement of 22 May at paragraph 19 and addition of both these documents to the appendices; and
- Addition of the wording of the Motion at the end of the report after paragraph 20.

57. **Ask** members if they are content with the draft report and appendices. **Ask** members if they are content for the report to be published on the Committee pages of the Assembly website. **Advise** members that the report will be made public and made available to all MLAs in advance of the motion on Monday 11 June.

#### **Agenda Item 12 – Sustainable Energy Action Plan: Written Briefing from DETI**

58. **Inform** members that papers on this item are at **Tab 10** and include the action plan.

59. **Advise** members that the aim of the plan is to bring together all that the Executive is doing to promote sustainable energy. The plan contains a vision for energy to 2050. This was a key recommendation in the previous Committee's inquiry into renewable energy.

60. **Ask** members if they have any comments. **Ask** members if they are content to welcome the plan.

#### **Agenda Item 13 – Consultation on the Implementation of the EU Third Energy Package: Written Briefing from DETI**

61. **Inform** members that papers on this item are at **Tab 11** and include a briefing paper from the Department and the consultation document.

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

63. **Ask** members if they are content to receive a further briefing on proposals following consultation.

**Agenda Item 14 – Correspondence**

64. **Inform** members that the following items of correspondence are at **Tab 12**.

- i. Correspondence to the Chairperson from the Department regarding Electricity Market Reform. **Ask** members if they are content to include the letter in papers for the meeting with the Department officials on 14<sup>th</sup> June.
- ii. Response by the Department to the Committee regarding the correspondence received from the Mount Business and Conference Centre and the NI Civil Service policy on managing seminars and conferences. **Ask** members if they are content to note.
- iii. Copy of response to the Chairperson of the Employment and Learning Committee from the Department regarding the EU Framework Programme and Horizon 2020. **Ask** members if they are content to note.
- iv. Correspondence from Phoenix Gas regarding the sale of its gas supply to Airtricity. **Ask** members if they are content to note.
- v. Correspondence from the Department regarding 2011/12 Provisional Outturn figures. **Inform** members that figures demonstrate compliance with targets for Departmental Expenditure Limits. **Ask** members if they are content to note.
- vi. Correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding Air Passenger Duty. **Ask** members if they are content to note. **Ask** members if they are content for the Chair to speak on behalf of the Committee on the Motion on the Legislative Consent Motion.
- vii. Correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation. **Ask** members if they are content to note.
- viii. Copy of a written submission to the Environment Committee from the Department regarding the Marine Bill. **Tabled** today is an updated version of the submission. **Ask** members if they are content to note.
- ix. Invitation from the Utility Regulator to a stakeholder workshop on the current consultation on the NIE Transmission and Distribution Price Control (RP5) on Thursday 7 June. **Ask** members if they are content for an Assembly Research Officer to attend and report back to the Committee.



- x. Briefing note from Ansons regarding the introduction of “Patent Box” to reduce corporation tax to 10% from April 2013.

**Note to Chair: you may wish to ask Gordon Dunne to comment as he brought the document to the attention of the Committee.**

**Ask** members if they are content to seek a written briefing from Ansons.

- xi. Press release from Manufacturing NI regarding the Carbon Levy. **Ask** members if they are content to note.

**65. Agenda Item 15 – Any other business**

66. **Advise** members that there are no additional items of business. **Ask** members if they have any additional items of business.

**Agenda Item 16 – Date, time and place of next meeting**

67. The next meeting of the Committee will be on **31 May 2012, Room 30, Parliament Buildings at 10.30 am.**