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CHAIR'S BRIEF FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR ENTERPRISE, TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN SENATE CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, 21 JUNE 2012 AT 10.30 AM.

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. **Inform** members apologies have been received from Patsy McGlone. **Ask** members if they have any further apologies.

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes of meeting held on 14 June 2012

3. **Inform** 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. There are no papers relating to Chairperson's Business.
5. **Remind** members that the Committee is scheduled to receive an oral briefing from Trading Standards Service next week in relation to pay day Lending. **Ask** members if they are content to contact the Irish League of Credit Unions and the Ulster Federation of Credit Unions, in advance of next week's meeting, to obtain their views on the practice and to ask if they believe credit unions have a role to play as a first point of contact for people considering such short-term borrowing. **Ask** members if they are also content to contact Citizens Advice and Advice NI to obtain details of their views and experiences relating to payday lending.

Agenda Item 4 – Matters arising from 2012 meeting.

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

June Monitoring 2012

7. **Remind** members that at last week's meeting it was agreed to defer this item to allow members more time to consider. Included in papers is a written briefing from the Department. The Clerk has provided a paper with background and summary of content.
8. **Note to Chair:** Remind members it was also agreed to discuss the lateness by the Department in sending papers to the Committee.
9. **Ask** members if they have any comments. **Ask** members if they are content to note.

Inquiry into Public Procurement in Northern Ireland

10. **Inform** members, as agreed at last week's meeting, included in the papers is a draft response to the Committee for Finance & Personnel for consideration. Included also in the papers is the Procurement Board's response to the inquiry dated June 2011.
11. **Ask** members if they are content with the draft response to be submitted to the Committee for Finance & Personnel.

Runkerry Golf Club Development

12. **Remind** members that at last week's meeting it was agreed for the Committee to consider this matter. Included in papers is a recent press release from the National Trust regarding its decision and a press release from the NITB supporting the development.
13. **Ask** members if they have any comments.

Green Energy Store and Solar PV Systems

14. **Remind** members Mr. Agnew brought the correspondence to the Committee last week from Green Energy Store, in the papers. It was agreed at last week's meeting to give Mr. Agnew the opportunity to speak on this issue.

15. **Tabled** today is correspondence from the Utility Regulator that states that, a way forward has now been reached on the NISEP issue which addresses the concerns of the installers regarding access to renewables funding.

16. **Ask** members if they have any comments. **Ask** members if they are content to note.

Race Relations Order 1997

17. **Remind** members at last week's meeting and it was agreed to forward correspondence in Race Relations Order to the Department for comment. Included in the papers is a response the Department.

18. **Ask** members if they are content to note.

EU Regional Aid Post 2013

19. **Inform** members that included in papers is a response from the Department on EU Regional Aid Post 2013. **Ask** members if they are content to note.

Ask members if they have any comments and are content to note.

Agenda Item 5 (10.45 am) –: Shale Gas Exploration: Oral briefing from Geological Survey of Northern Ireland

20. **Inform** members that papers on this item are at **Tab 1 of the Blue Folders**. A list of all the relevant papers is included in the index of the blue folders.

21. **Inform** members that included in papers is a briefing paper from Geological Survey of Northern Ireland (GSNI). The Clerk has provided a briefing paper with background and summary of content.

22. **Inform** members that briefing the Committee today are Mike Young, Director, Geological Survey Northern Ireland Derek Reay, Senior Scientific Officer, Geological Survey Northern Ireland and Mike Thompson, Head of Tourism, Telecoms and Geological Survey Policy Division

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

Agenda Item 6 (11.30am) – Shale Gas Exploration: Oral Briefing from Fermanagh Fracking Awareness Network (FFAN)

24. **Inform** members that papers on this item are at **Tab 2** of the Blue Folders. A list of all the relevant papers is included in the index of the blue folders.
25. **Inform** members that included in papers is a briefing paper from FFAN. The Clerk has provided a briefing paper with background and summary of content.
26. **Inform** members that briefing the Committee today are Dr Carroll O'Dolan, Chairperson; Davide Galazzi , Economic Consultant; Isobel Leonard, Outdoor Activities Operator; and John Sheridan, Farmer.
27. **Welcome** the officials to the meeting and invite them to make an opening statement.

Agenda Item 7 –Subordinate Legislation- The Health and Safety (Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012

28. **Inform** members that papers on this item are at **Tab 4** and include the SL1 and the consultation document which includes a table of the relevant fees. Included in papers is a cover note which includes the purpose of the rule.
29. **Advise** members that this SL1 is subject to **negative resolution**. The proposed date of operation is July 2012.
30. **Inform** members that this is the Committee's opportunity to consider the policy set out in the SL1, as it is not possible to amend this once the rule has been made and laid in the Assembly Business Office.
31. **Ask** members if they are content with the policy implications of the proposed legislation.

Agenda Item 8 – DETI Operating Plan 2011/12: Written Briefing

32. **Inform** members that papers on this item are at **Tab 5** and include the draft Operating Plan.
33. **Ask** members if they have any comments. **Ask** members if they are content to note.

Agenda Item 9 – Energy Bill Consultation Document: Written Briefing

34. **Inform** members that papers on this item are at **Tab 6**. The Clerk has provided the background, summary of content and way forward.
35. **Tabled** today is correspondence from the Department to inform members the Executive has approved the policy proposals to consult on a new Energy Bill.
36. Included in papers is a letter from the Minister to the Chairperson dated 25 May 2012, the consultation document and the Executive Summary of an Energy Efficiency Study from CEPA.
37. **Ask** members if they have any comments. **Ask** members if they are content with the draft consultation document or await the outcomes of the consultation.
38. **Ask** members if they are content for the Assembly Research and Information to consider potential consultees at this stage.

Agenda Item 10 – Consultation on the Designation of Provisions of EU Regulations No.714/2009 and No.715/2009 as Relevant Requirements

39. **Inform** members that the consultation document is at **Tab 7**.
40. The objective of the consultation is outlined at paragraphs 1.2 and 1.3 of the consultation document.
41. **Ask** members if they have any comments. **Ask** members if they are content to note.

Agenda Item 11 – Correspondence

42. **Inform** members that the following items of correspondence are at **Tab 8**.

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| i. | Correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel on the Inquiry into Research & Development. Ask members if they are content to note. |
| ii. | Correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel on the Future of EU Funding. Ask members if they are content to note. |
| iii. | Correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel on Common European Sales Law. Ask members if they are content to note. |
| iv. | Copy of a Letter to the Minister from Stream BioEnergy regarding poultry litter |

processing. **Ask** members if they are content to note.

- v. AQW to Phil Flanagan MLA regarding the Events Fund. **Invite** Phil Flanagan to speak on the issue. **Ask** members if they are content to receive copies of the evaluations from the Department.
- vi. Meeting request from NIIRTA on "Town Centre First". **Ask** members if they are content to consider this when developing the Forward Work Programme for the next session.
- vii. Response from the Department on the Young Entrepreneurs Scheme. **Ask** members if they are content to note.
- viii. **Tabled** today is a letter from the Department informing the Committee that the Treasury Minister is to include provisions in the Financial Service Bill to allow his Department to make an order to confirm certain functions on the Department and the Minister has given consent.

Agenda Item 12 – Any other business

43. **Inform** members that **tabled** today is a media article relating to the manufacturing sector in Scotland. **Advise** members that this was brought to the Committee by Mr Robin Newton. **Ask** Robin Newton to comment. **Ask** members if they are content to commission Assembly research to compare support for the manufacturing sector in Northern Ireland with that in Scotland.

44. **Ask** members if they have any additional items of business.

Agenda Item 13 – Date, time and place of next meeting

45. The next meeting of the Committee will be on **28 June 2012, Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings at 10.30 am.**