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

**NOTE TO CHAIR:**

**You may wish to remind members that following this meeting at 12 noon there is lunch in the private dining room to discuss the Committee's Forward Working Programme.**

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.

**Agenda Item 1 – Apologies**

2. No apologies have been received. Mr. Frew has indicated he will be attending but will arrive later.

**Agenda Item 2 – Minutes of meeting held on 13 September 2012**

3. Inform members that the minutes of the meeting held on the 13 September are at **Tab 1. Ask** member if they are content with the draft minutes.

**Agenda Item 3 – Chairperson's Business**

4. **Inform** members that papers on this item are included at **Tab 2.**

**Departmental Consultations**

5. **Inform** members that the following consultations have been received:

- Call for evidence on the Development of a Strategic Plan for the Agri-Food sector
  - Identification of areas where the choice of broadband provision is limited and /or the available speeds are less than 2 Megabits per second.
6. **Advise** members that the links to both consultations are included in the summary and that copies can be requested from the Committee office.
7. **Ask** members if they are content to consider a summary of the consultation responses before deciding how to proceed.

### **Go for it Programme**

8. **Inform** members following a year –long gap in delivery and a re-tendering process, Invest NI has awarded the business start-up programme ‘Go for It’ to Enterprise Northern Ireland (ENI).
9. **Ask** members if they are content, pending final agreement of the tender, to invite Enterprise NI to provide oral evidence to the Committee on the 4 October on its plans to roll out and promote the programme.

### **Invitation Momentum NI**

10. **Inform** members that included in papers is an invitation from Momentum NI to the Chair and Deputy Chair as co-sponsors of the launch of the organisation’s ‘Manifesto’ document on Monday 3 December in the Long Gallery.
11. **Advise** members that both you and the Deputy Chair have agreed to co-sponsor the event.
12. **Ask** members if they are content to note.

### **NIPSA Health and Safety Conference**

13. **Inform** members that included in the papers is the confirmation and full agenda for the NIPSA health and safety conference on 22 October.
14. **Ask** members if they are content to note.

### **Department Response to Research & Development Inquiry**

15. **Inform** members that the Department has submitted its response to the R&D Inquiry. **Ask** members if they are content to consider this at next week’s meeting.

## October Monitoring Round

16. **Advise** members that the October Monitoring Round returns are due to be considered at next week's meeting. **Ask** members if they are content to have departmental officials on stand-by in the event that there are issues that the Committee would wish to question officials on.

## Agenda Item 4 – Matters arising from 13 September 2012 meeting.

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

### FG Wilson Job Losses

18. **Inform** members that included in papers is a letter from the Minister and a copy of her statement to the Assembly on 17 September regarding the announcement of loss of jobs at FG Wilson.

**Note to Chair: it is likely that members will wish to discuss this matter with the Minister as part of her briefing to the Committee.**

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

### Payday Lending

20. **Remind** members that at the meeting on 28 June, when oral evidence was received from Trading Standards on the issue of payday lending, it was agreed to receive a copy of the report on Debt Management by the Business, Innovations and Skills Committee (BIS).

21. **Inform** members included in correspondence received from the Department is the link to the BIS Committee report. This link has been emailed to members and a copy of the report can be obtained from the Committee office on request.

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

### Invitation to meet with Nesta

23. **Remind** members that an invitation from Nesta, a charitable organisation which promotes innovation, was circulated to members in August.

24. **Inform** members the meeting is to discuss the implications for Northern Ireland of a major new report from Nesta which will lay out a series of recommendations on how innovation can help foster economic growth.

25. **Inform** members that Mr. Newton has agreed to meet with Nesta. **Ask** members if they are content.

### **NI Science Park Community response to CEIAG**

26. **Remind** members at the briefing by the MAXTRIX Panel on the 13 September, the NI Science Park (NISP) agreed to forward the views of the NISP community submitted to the Committee for Employment & Learning inquiry into Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG).

27. **Inform** members that a copy of the document is included in papers.

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

### **Green New Deal**

29. **Remind** members that you had agreed to forward a copy of the Economic Appraisal of the Options for Increasing Domestic Energy and Thermal Efficiency in Northern Ireland prepared by the Department of Social Development. **Inform** members that the Executive Summary of the Document is included in papers and that the full report is available from the Committee Office.

30. **Inform** members that, while the Green New Deal Group option was believed to deliver more in terms of non-monetary and wider economic benefits it was thought to have significant associated risks which made it much less attractive as an option than the NI Housing Executive option. The NIHE was therefore selected.

31. **Ask** if any member has any comments on the summary.

### **Call for Launch of Renewable Heating Incentive Scheme**

32. **Tabled** today is a press release from BS Holdings calling for the Department to urgently announce the launch of the Renewable Heat Incentive scheme which they believe will significantly help local SME's.

33. **Remind** members that the Department indicated at last week's meeting that the RHI would be launched in October-November.

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

### **Agenda Item 5 - End of Session Report 2011-12**

35. **Inform** members that papers on this item are included at **Tab 4** and include the End of Session Report which covers the work of the Committee from 12 May to the 31 August 2012.

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

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

**Agenda Item 6 - Shale Gas and Hydraulic Fracturing: Written Briefing from Assembly Research**

38. **Inform** members that at **Tab 5** is a research paper from the Northern Ireland Assembly Research and Information Service entitled Shale Gas and Hydraulic Fracture – an overview of existing research.

39. **Ask** members if they are content to forward the research paper to the Committee for the Environment for information.

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

**Agenda Item 7 (10.30 am) –DETI/NDPB Key Priorities Sept 2012- July 2013: Oral Briefing from DETI**

41. **Inform** members that the papers for this item are at **Tab 6** and include a briefing from the Clerk, DETI Performance Outturn 2011-2012, a research paper from the Northern Ireland Assembly Research and Information Service on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund and a press release from the European Commission on payment of the global fund to the workers of the Vestas Group in Denmark.

42. **Inform** members that briefing the Committee today are Mrs Arlene Foster, Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Investment, Mr. David Sterling, Permanent Secretary to DETI and Graham Hutchinson, Head of DETI Policy Division.

43. **Welcome** the Minister to the meeting and invite her to make an opening statement.

44. **Following the briefing, ask** members if they are content to forward the Assembly Research Paper to the Committee for Employment & Learning and to the Department.

45. **Note to Chair: you may wish to consider any follow-up actions arising from the Minister's briefing.**

**Agenda Item 8 – Correspondence**

46. **Tabled** today is correspondence from the Committee for Employment and Learning regarding its briefing from Invest NI officials on FP7 and Horizon 2020 on the 12 September.

47. **Inform** members the Committee for Employment and Learning agreed to copy the Hansard of the briefing to this Committee for its information and comment and to request that it updates the Committee for Employment and Learning on all forthcoming strategies in relation to European Issues.

48. **Inform** members that the link to Hansard has been emailed to members.

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

50. **Ask** members if they are content to note the remaining items of correspondence.

8.1 The European Priorities Implementation Plan 2012 received from the OFMDFM Committee which sets out the Department's responsibility for the actions in support of the various objectives and targets

8.2 Correspondence from the Committee for the Environment regarding bio fuel heat generation systems.

8.3 Correspondence from the Committee for Finance & Personnel which includes an update from the Northern Ireland Procurement Board to the Committee's inquiry into Public Procurement in Northern Ireland.

**Agenda Item 9 – Any other business**

51. **Inform** members that there are no additional items of business.

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

**Agenda Item 10 – Date, time and place of next meeting**

53. The next meeting of the Committee will be on **27 September 2012, Room 30, Parliament Buildings at 10.00 am.**