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**CHAIR'S BRIEF FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR ENTERPRISE,
TRADE AND INVESTMENT, TITANIC BELFAST, 1 OLYMPIC WAY, QUEEN'S
ROAD, TITANTIC QUARTER 10.00 AM.**

NOTE TO CHAIR: Inform members that Communications wish to video proceedings at Agenda Item 5, for the Committee website. Ask members if they are content to have that part of the proceedings recorded.

NOTE TO CHAIR: Inform members there will be an opportunity for a tour of the building at around 12.45pm. Lunch will be served before the tour

- 1. Declare the meeting open to the public.**
- 2. Welcome and remind members and the public about mobile phones and electronic devices.**

Agenda Item 1 – Apologies

- 3. Inform members:** apologies have been received from Robin Newton and Sue Ramsey.
- 4. Ask members:** if they have any further apologies.

Agenda Item 2 – Minutes of meeting held on 9 October 2012

- 5. Inform members:** the minutes of the meetings held on 9th October are at **Tab 1**.
- 6. Ask members:** if they are content with the draft minutes.

Agenda Item 3 – Chairperson’s Business

7. **Inform members:** papers on this item are included at **Tab 2**.

LCM Enterprise & Regulatory Reform Motion to Business Office

8. **Inform members:** included in papers is the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Bill, Legislative Consent Motion.
9. **Inform members:** the debate will take place on 23 October.
10. **Ask members:** if they are content to note.

Include Youth

11. **Inform members:** included in papers is an invitation to Committee members the Youth Conference on the 25 October and an invitation to the **Chair** to a pre-conference dinner. **[Note to Chair: you have indicated that you cannot attend]**.
12. **Ask members:** inform the Committee office if they plan to attend the conference.

Royal Town Planning Institute and RSPB Event

13. **Tabled today** is an invitation to you to the official launch of the Royal Town Planning Institute and RSPB NI Sustainable Planning Awards on Tuesday 23 October.

Agenda Item 4 – Matters arising

14. **Inform members:** papers on this item are included at **Tab 3**.

Recent announcement of job Losses at FG Wilson

15. **Inform members:** included in papers is a response from the Department to a number of issues raised by the Committee on the loss of jobs at FG Wilson. Also **included** is a response from the Department for Employment and Learning to a Committee query regarding redundancies at Target Express.
16. **Ask members:** if they are content to copy the response to the Minister.

Access to EU Funding

17. **Inform members:** included in papers is a response from the Department on access to EU funding.

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

Consumer Council seeks feedback from Ulster Bank Customers

19. **Inform members:** included in papers is a press release from the Consumer Council is seeking feedback via a survey from Ulster Bank customers who were affected by the unprecedented technical difficulties.

20. **Ask members:** if they are content to ask the Consumer Council for a written briefing on the outcomes of the survey when it is available.

European Globalisation Adjustment Fund

21. **Inform members:** included in papers is a supplementary paper on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund prepared by the Research and Information Services.

22. **Ask members:** if they content to forward the paper to the Department and the Committee for Employment and Learning for information.

October Monitoring 2012

23. **Inform members:** included in papers is a response from the Department to a number of questions raised with the Department regarding October Monitoring.

24. **Inform members:** the Department has advised that under Freedom of Information it may be possible to claim exemption for this submission as it is policy under consideration.

25. **Ask members:** if they are content to note.

Scrap Metal Dealers - Private Member's Bill

26. **Inform members:** the Department has responded that the proposals contained in the Private Member's Bill presented to the Committee do not identify any potential role for DETI.

27. **Ask members:** if they are content to copy the response to the Justice and Environment Committees and to Roy Beggs MLA for information.

Fuel Data – Supplementary Information

28. **Tabled today** is supplementary information from the Assembly and Research Information Services regarding fuel data.
29. **Ask** members if they are content to forward to the Office of Fair Trading for inclusion in their Call for Information.

Note to Chair: Item 8 is an Assembly Research Paper on World Heritage Sites. As it relates to tourism, you may wish to take this item prior to the oral briefing from tourism officials.

Agenda Item 8 – World Heritage Sites: Written Briefing from Assembly Research

30. **Ask members:** if they are content to take **Agenda Item 8** next as it relates to tourism.
31. **Remind members:** this paper was requested in light of the planning permission granted for a golf resort at Runkerry on the North Antrim coast and the subsequent call for a judicial review by the National Trust due to the Giant's Causeway's World Heritage Site status.
32. **Inform members:** papers for this item are at **Tab 7** and include the written briefing from the Assembly Research and Information Services.
33. **Ask members:** if they wish to discuss. **Ask members:** if they are content to note.

Agenda Item 5 – (10.15am) – Current Tourism Issues: Oral Briefing from DETI Tourism Policy, NITB and Tourism Ireland.

34. **Inform members:** papers on this item are at **Tab 4**.
35. **Inform members:** included in papers is a briefing paper from the Department, NITB and Tourism Ireland covering the key issues. The Committee Office has provide a briefing paper with background.
36. **Inform members:** briefing the Committee today are Mike Thompson, Director for Tourism Policy, DETI, Lorraine Fleming, Head of Branch Tourism Policy, DETI, Kathryn Thomson, Chief Operating Officer, NIBT, Susie McCullough, Director of Marketing & Events, NITB, Niall Gibbons, Chief Executive, Tourism Ireland Shane Clark, Director of Corporate Services & Policy, Tourism Ireland.

37. **Welcome representatives** to the meeting and invite them to make an opening statement

Agenda Item 6 - Subordinate Legislation SR: The Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012

38. **Inform members:** papers on this item are at **Tab 5** and include the Statutory Rule and an explanatory memorandum. There is a cover note with the background and purpose of the rule. The rule is subject to **affirmative resolution**.
39. **Remind members:** the Committee **discussed this Rule at SL1 stage** at its meeting on 13 September 2012 and had **no comment** on the Rule. The Rule will come into operation on 1 November 2012.
40. **Inform members:** the Examiner of Statutory Rules has considered the draft regulations and has looked at the Regulations and the similar Regulations for Great Britain made under similar powers in the Energy Act 2008 and noticed one or two differences (particularly in regulations 5 and 6 and around regulation 29 (regulations 29 and 30 in GB)).
41. **Inform members:** the Examiner of Statutory Rules has nothing to raise by way of technical scrutiny. He has confirmed that he will have no points/issues to raise in his report to the Committee, on this basis he is content for the regulations to proceed as planned with the debate scheduled for the week of 22 October.

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 SR2012 the Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 and, subject to the report of the Examiner of Statutory Rules, recommends that it be affirmed by the Assembly.”

Agenda Item 7 – Subordinate Legislation: SL1: Electricity (Priority Dispatch) Regulations 2012

42. **Inform members:** papers on this item are at **Tab 6** and include the SL1. Included in papers is a cover note which includes the purpose of the Rule.
43. **Advise members:** this SL1 is subject to **negative resolution**. The proposed date of operation is as soon as possible.

44. **Inform members:** 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.
45. **Ask members:** if they are content with the policy implications of the proposed legislation.

Agenda Item 9 – Forward Work Programme

46. **Inform members:** papers for this item are at **Tab. 8**.
47. **Inform members:** the following have been added to the Work Programme
- i. **25 October:** a pay day loan paper prepared by the NI Assembly Research and Information Services.
 - ii. **25 October:** The Department has added an SL1 – the Health and Safety (Miscellaneous Revocations) Regulations
 - iii. **8 November:** an oral briefing from the Technology Strategy Board on the Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI) to compliment the briefing by the Department on its response to the R&D Inquiry Recommendations.
 - iv. **15 November:** an oral briefing from the Utility Regulator's office to provide an overview of gas and electricity tariffs.
 - v. **22 November:** an oral briefing from BT on 22 November

Ask members if they are content to receive oral briefings and the forward work programme.

Agenda Item 10 – Correspondence

48. **Inform members:** papers for this item are at **Tab 9**.

Correspondence requiring action:

- i. from Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding financial forecasting. Copy of the DFP correspondence on the accuracy of departmental financial forecasting and to pursue any issues with the departments.

Ask members: if they have any comments.

Ask members: if they are content to note.

- ii. from Committee for the Office of First Minister and deputy First Minister regarding the Inquiry into Developing the Northern Ireland Economy through Innovation, Research and Development.

Ask members: if they are content to inform the Committee for OFMDFM that the Department will brief this Committee on the 8 November and a more substantive response will issue following this briefing.

- iii. Agenda NI: Northern Ireland Energy Forum: 10th annual conference, Thursday 8th November at the Stormont Hotel, Belfast.

Ask members: to contact the Committee office if they wish to attend.

Ask members if they are content to note the remaining correspondence:

- iv. from the Committee for Justice - a copy of the response to the Community Safety Strategy to the relevant committees
- v. from Dr Norman Apsley OBE, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Science Park – response to preservation work on the Thompson Graving dock
- vi. from Invest NI - information to locate Invest NI Policy and Programme Screenings
- vii. from NI Electricity – information on the updated NIE Statement of Charges for Connection to the NI Electricity Distribution System
- viii. from Utility Regulator – information on commercial electricity costs in Northern Ireland – calculation of PSO charges
- ix. from the Department – a breakdown of the geographical spread of the 13 applications to the collaborative Network Programme provided by Invest NI
- x. from the Department – details on how SMEs and Micro Enterprises can access EU Funding.
- xi. from Tamboran – in light of the senior management changes the commitment made by the Company still remains.

Agenda Item 12 – Any other business

49. **Inform members:** there are no additional items of business.

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

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

51. The next meeting of the Committee will be on **Thursday 25 October 2012, Room 30, Parliament Buildings at 10.00pm.**