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**Chair's Brief for the Meeting of the  
Committee for Enterprise, Trade & Investment**

**Room 29, Parliament Buildings**

**From:** Jim McManus

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**To:** Patsy McGlone  
Chairperson

**cc** Conor Murphy  
Deputy Chairperson

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday 17 November 2015    **Meeting Time:** 10.00 am

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1. **Remind members:** all devices should be switched off and Assembly tablets set to mute.

**Declare the meeting open to the public.**

**Welcome and remind members and the public to switch off mobile phones and electronic devices other than the tablets provided by the Assembly for use with the electronic committee packs.**

**Agenda Item 1 – Apologies**

2. **Inform members:** No apologies have been received.
3. **Ask members:** if they have received any apologies.

**Agenda Item 2 – Draft Minutes**

4. **Inform members:** a copy of the draft minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015 is from **page 5** onwards.
5. **Ask members:** if they are content with the draft minutes.

**Agenda Item 3 – Chairperson’s Business****Committee Membership**

6. **Welcome:** Lord Morrow to the Committee.
7. **Ask members:** if they are content for the Committee to write to the outgoing member, Mr Paul Girvan, thanking him for his input and commitment to the work of the Committee.
8. **Inform members: tabled today** is a copy of the Register of Interests for the new member. This is at **page 4 of Tabled Papers**.

**Dunnes Stores**

9. **Inform members:** correspondence at **page 12** refers to a request by Alex Attwood MLA that the Committee invite the management of Dunnes Stores to brief the Committee on their plans for their remaining stores in the North. Dunnes Stores have closed a number of food retail units in recent months and propose closing the food unit in the Park Centre in Belfast and there has been concern about the lack of engagement from Dunnes Stores management among staff and elected representatives.
10. **Ask members:** if they are content that the Committee write to Dunnes Stores and ask for a written briefing in the first instance on their future plans for Northern Ireland and for their plans to engage appropriately with staff and indeed elected representatives going forward.

**Super Connected Cities Voucher Scheme**

11. **Inform members:** at **page 13** is correspondence from Enterprise Northern Ireland highlighting the concern of the local Enterprise Agency network and

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the small businesses community on the sudden suspension of the scheme by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport.

12. **Ask members:** if they are content to forward to DETI, BT and Ofcom and consider again on 24<sup>th</sup> November when all three will be briefing the Committee.

### **PriceWaterhouse Coopers Briefing**

13. **Inform members:** PriceWaterhouse Coopers has completed a global study on Cities of Opportunity and looked at Belfast among other cities.
14. **Ask members:** if they are content for Northern Ireland Regional Chair, Paul Terrington, to brief members on the Belfast findings.

**NOTE TO CHAIR: you may wish to invite Máirtín Ó Muilleoir to speak on the matter as he brought the matter to the Committee's attention.**

### **Committee Christmas Card List 2015**

15. **Inform members:** a draft Christmas card list is at **page 20**.
16. **Ask members:** if they have any comments.

**NOTE TO CHAIR: there are two options for Christmas cards, either e-cards which will be emailed or hard copy cards which will be posted. You should get the Committee's agreement to whichever format you wish to use.**

17. **Ask members:** if they are content that a Christmas card is sent to those listed.

### **Agenda Item 4 - Legislation: SR The Renewable Heat Incentive Schemes (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015**

18. **Inform members:** papers for this item include:
- a cover note (**page 23**)
  - the SR (**page 25**)
  - an Explanatory Memorandum (**page 32**)

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19. **Inform members:** the following Departmental officials are on standby to address any issues raised today:

- Mr Stuart Wightman, Principal, Energy Efficiency Branch
- Ms Adele Willis, Staff Officer, Energy Efficiency Branch

20. **Inform members:** the Rule is subject to **affirmative resolution**.

21. **Remind members:** the Committee **discussed this Rule at SL1 stage** at its meeting on 8 September 2015 and had **no comment** on the Rule. The Rule will come into operation on 18 November 2015.

22. **Inform members:** the Examiner of Statutory Rules has considered the Statutory Rule and has indicated that he has no points to raise by way of technical scrutiny.

**NOTE TO CHAIR:** the debate on the SR is scheduled for this morning in plenary. You may therefore wish to invite officials to the table to explain why there was a delay in bringing the SR to the Committee following consideration of the SL1 on 8<sup>th</sup> September and why there is now this level of urgency attached to the SR.

**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 The Renewable Heat Incentive Schemes (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and has no objection to the Rule.”**

**Agenda Item 5 – Legislation: The Credit Unions and Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Bill – Preliminary View**

23. **Inform members:** papers for this item include:

- a Departmental response on Clause 8 (**page 6 of Tabled Papers**)
- a Departmental response on the inclusion of a review and report Clause (**page 36**)
- a paper from the Examiner of Statutory Rules (**page 12 of Tabled Papers**)
- a Departmental response on a new Clause of 13A and also Clause 15 (**page 13 of Tabled Papers**)