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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING: 10 FEBRUARY 2016

Present:

- First Minister (Chair)**
- deputy First Minister (Chair)**
- Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development**
- Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure**
- Minister of Education**
- Minister for Employment and Learning**
- Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment**
- Minister of the Environment**
- Minister of Finance and Personnel**
- Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety**
- Minister for Regional Development**
- Minister for Social Development**

In attendance:

- Junior Minister, OFMDFM (Ms McCann)**
- Junior Minister, OFMDFM (Ms Pengelly)**
- Secretary to the Executive**
- Head of Executive Division**

Apologies: **Minister of Justice**

INTRODUCTION

The First Minister chaired Items 1 to 5.

1. The First Minister advised of apologies received from the Minister of Justice.

AGENDA ITEM 1

E (M) (16) 02 Minutes of Executive Meeting of 21 January 2016

2. The minutes of the Executive meeting of 21 January 2016 were agreed.

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AGENDA ITEM 2**Matters arising**

3. There were no matters arising.

AGENDA ITEM 3**Report on the Economy**

4. The First Minister briefed the Executive on the latest economic indicators and developments in the Euro-zone.

AGENDA ITEM 4**E (16) 14 Reduction in the Number of Departments - Non-Statutory Residual Issues**

5. The First Minister introduced this paper.
6. The Executive:
 - (i) agreed the transfer of sponsorship responsibilities for NI Screen to the Department for the Economy;
 - (ii) approved the transfer of responsibility for the provision of education at Woodlands Juvenile Justice Centre from the Department of Justice to the Department of Education and the Education Authority;
 - (iii) agreed that responsibility for taking forward new legislation on age discrimination in the provision of goods, facilities and services should remain with The Executive Office (TEO) until the legislation has been made;
 - (iv) agreed that TEO would retain an external facing role in relation to correspondence on UN and other international conventions of a cross-cutting nature, and that lead departments would be identified for the preparation of input to reports on such conventions.

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AGENDA ITEM 5**E (16) 15 Legislative Consent Motion - Northern Ireland (Stormont Agreement and Implementation Plan) Bill**

7. The First Minister introduced this paper.
8. The Executive agreed to a Legislative Consent Motion being brought forward by the First Minister and deputy First Minister to obtain the agreement of the Assembly to the Westminster Parliament considering the provisions of the Northern Ireland (Stormont Agreement and Implementation Plan) Bill dealing with:
 - a. the power for the First Minister and deputy First Minister, acting jointly, to nominate two members of the Independent Reporting Commission; and
 - b. the establishment of new measures relating to the financial responsibility of the Assembly.
9. The Minister of the Environment reserved his position on this matter.

The deputy First Minister chaired the remaining items on the agenda

AGENDA ITEM 6**E (16) 17 Scoping Exercises and Options Papers in relation to Mother and Baby Homes/Magdalene Asylums (Laundries) and Clerical Child Abuse**

10. The deputy First Minister introduced this paper.
11. The Executive agreed:
 - (i) Option 3 as the way forward in relation to historical abuse of residents (over 18s) in Mother and Baby Homes and Magdalene Asylums (Laundries) outwith the terms of reference of the Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry; and

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- (ii) Option 5 as the way forward in relation to historical clerical abuse of children outwith the terms of reference of the Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry.

AGENDA ITEM 7**Issues not requiring discussion****E (16) 10 The Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) Regulations (NI) 2016**

12. The Executive agreed to the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety making The Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) Regulations (NI) 2016.

E (16) 11 Introduction and Accelerated Passage of Land Acquisition and Compensation (Amendment) Bill

13. The Executive agreed:

- (i) the draft Land Acquisition and Compensation (Amendment) Bill and accompanying Explanatory and Financial Memorandum, as attached at Annex A to Executive Memorandum E (16) 11, and its introduction in the Assembly; and
- (ii) Assembly approval being sought for accelerated passage.

E (16) 16 NI Bureau China Strategy 2016-2018

14. The Executive agreed the NI Bureau Strategy for China, as attached at Annex A to Executive Memorandum E (16) 16; and noted that an Action Plan to deliver this Strategy would be developed in collaboration with Departments and key stakeholders and be brought to the Executive for consideration at a later stage.

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AGENDA ITEM 8**Note of Urgent Decisions**

15. The Executive noted the following urgent decisions taken in accordance with Paragraph 2.14 of the Ministerial Code.

E (UP) (16) 03 Nomenclature of Territorial Units Statistics (NUTS) Review 2016

E (UP) (16) 06 Closure of the Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme (RHI)

AGENDA ITEM 9**E (16) 12 Executive Business in the Assembly**

16. Junior Minister McCann introduced this item.

17. The Executive:

- (i) Noted the Assembly plenary business scheduled for Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 February 2016;
- (ii) noted the provisional Assembly plenary business scheduled for Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 February 2016;
- (iii) noted the Speaker's concerns regarding the length of time taken by Ministers in providing responses at Question Time; and
- (iv) agreed to give due priority, within their departmental responsibilities, to their respective Bills being progressed through the Assembly in light of the high volume of anticipated Executive Business.

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OFFICIAL - EXECUTIVE**E (16) 13 Draft Executive papers in circulation**

18. Junior Minister McCann advised the Executive that a list of draft Executive papers currently in circulation had been circulated to Ministers.

AGENDA ITEM 10**Any Other Business****Apprenticeship Levy**

19. The Minister for Employment and Learning briefed the Executive on implications of the Apprenticeship Levy.

AGENDA ITEM 11**Media Handling/Notification of Decisions to the Assembly/Date of Next Meeting**

20. The date of the next scheduled meeting of the Executive would be Thursday 25 February 2016 at 2.00pm in Enniskillen Town Hall.

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On behalf of the Secretary to the Executive please find attached the draft minutes of the Executive meeting held on 10 February 2016.

It is intended that these draft minutes will be considered at the Executive meeting of 25 February 2016.

Thank you
Executive Secretariat