

**Minutes of a Board Meeting of
Strategic Investment Board Limited (the Company)**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company
held at 9.30am on 12th March 2010
Titanic House, Belfast**

- Present:** David Dobbin (DD) – Chairman
Geraldine McAteer (GM)
Denis Rooney (DR)
David Gavaghan (DG)
Brett Hannam (BH)
- In Attendance:** Martin Spollen (MS)
Kyle Alexander (Item 5 only)
Gregor Hamilton (GH) – Company Secretary
- Apologies:** Bro McFerran
David Waugh

1. Board Minutes

The minutes of the February board meeting were approved.

The Chairman agreed to write to Mr Waugh in respect of his attendance at future meetings.

2. Finance Report

BH delivered the Finance Report.

BH explained that a technical issue concerning the reporting of net employment costs had led to an overstatement of these costs at three previous monitoring rounds. This had led to an underspend. He explained that the method for reporting this income has now been changed and there would be no recurrence of the error.

The Board discussed underspend arising from delays in Projects. DG observed that while there were techniques which SIB could adopt to mitigate the underspend, the more serious problem was the delays themselves. The Delivery Tracking System should assist in this regard. DR emphasised that the linkage between delays in Executive decisions and SIB's underspend should be made as explicit as possible (in particular in the risk register).

BH noted that OFMDFM had not yet reached a decision on whether a cost of living pay adjustment, which related to the year 2008-9, should be paid. If it were not, then there would be an additional underspend of £66k and possibly an equivalent pressure in the coming year.

3. Remuneration

The Board discussed remuneration policy. It was noted that although it was generally accepted that OFM/DFM would not permit the payment of any staff bonuses this year, the Department had not formally informed the Remuneration Committee of this policy. The Committee was therefore unable to confirm the position to staff. It was agreed that the Chairman would seek formal clarification of the position from OFMDFM as soon as possible.

4. SIB Review

The board discussed the SIB review. It was agreed that the Chairman should formally request the opportunity to have sight of the final draft and the opportunity to discuss it with the Department in advance of its finalisation and publication.

5. Chief Executive's Report

Kyle Alexander joined the meeting, and explained a number of changes which OFM/DFM proposed to make in the project management arrangements for the Maze-Long Kesh project. He then left the meeting.

MS reported to the board on a meeting with the OFM/DFM Assembly Committee to explain the Delivery Tracking System.

DG updated the board on progress with the following projects:

- Lagan and Tor Bank schools
- Desertcreat training college
- Titanic signature project
- Derry city of culture bid
- AFBI

6. Chair of Audit Committee

It was agreed that DR should act as Chairman of the Audit Committee

7. Draft corporate and Business Plans

The board discussed the current drafts, while noting that these were likely to change in the light of the findings of the SIB review.

It was agreed at DD's suggestion that some reference be made to the salary review currently envisaged in the draft of the review, and to the recruitment of a new Chief Executive.

At DR's suggestion it was agreed that the Investment Strategy section should make a more explicit reference to shared future objectives. A discussion took place around the "green book" and its shortcomings in terms of assessing the social/shared future benefits of projects.

Subject to these changes being made, the Board approved the plans. BH would circulate the final version.

8. Matters arising from the Resignation of the Chief Executive

The board discussed the process for the appointment of a recruitment advisor.

MS and GH left the meeting.

The Board discussed the date on which the Chief Executive's resignation would take effect.

The Board discussed options for filling the Chief Executive's post on an interim basis.

Chairman