

Minutes of a Board Meeting of Strategic Investment Board Limited

Held at 10.15 am on Tuesday 17th April 2018 at
Lighthouse Building
Gasworks Business Park
Belfast

Present:	Gerry McGinn (GMcG)(Chair) Danny McSorley (DMcS) Duncan McCausland (DMcC) Marie Therese McGivern (MTM) Kathryn Thomson (KT) Brett Hannam (BH)
In attendance:	Gregor Hamilton (GH) Scott Wilson (SW) Adrienne Neil (AN) Martin Spollen (MS) Jennifer Morgan (JM) (Item 24 only)
Apologies:	None

Declarations of interest

1. The usual declarations of interest were taken as read. DMcC specifically drew attention to his role with Department for Communities in light of items to be discussed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

2. The minutes of the March 2018 board meeting were approved, subject to correction of typographical error at item 4 and noting that Kevin Hegarty had been in attendance only for item 23.

3. With reference to items in the minutes, GMcG explained that he had raised the question of board appointments with TEO and he did not expect progress to be made soon, and that he had confirmed that SIB would once more participate in the Board Apprentice scheme.

Chairman's and Directors' Business

4. GMcG summarised the outcome of his meeting with Mark Browne. TEO were appreciative of work done by SIB and anticipated continuing high demand for SIB's services. GMcG had drawn attention to the need to process reappointments of KT and DMcS. The SIB review had been discussed and it had been agreed:

- work would be required to address the recommendations concerning how SIB worked with Departments;
- MB would raise the issue of SIB's strategic/transformation/thought leadership role with the NICS board;
- MB was supportive of the board appointing someone to consider how best to address the internal organizational issues raised in the review. GMcG suggested that this should be a short piece of work by an individual, who should be independent of SIB. It would not be a "second review". The board agreed with this approach. GMcG explained that BH was working on terms of reference for the job, and invited suggestions as to suitable individuals to carry it out. BH noted that he had also spoken with TEO on this point and that he would be discussing with senior staff. GMcG thought that it would be helpful if the work was completed by the end of June.

Strategy and Communications Committee

5. All of the board members having attended the Strategy and Communications Committee meeting there was no requirement to report on it

Chief Executive's Report

7. BH explained that DoE had asked for assistance on the superfast broadband project and Wesley Emmett was working to scope the requirement.

8. BH explained the nature of work being undertaken for DfE in connection with Ulster University. He reported that he would also be meeting Richard Pengelly to discuss the proposed UU Medical School project.

9. BH noted that the 2015/16 pay remit had been approved, and paid with March salaries.

10. BH drew attention to the reference in the Ebrington quarterly report to the adverse impact of Brexit uncertainty on the funding market.

11. BH explained that the 3PD primary care projects were now scheduled to reach financial close in August/September.

12. DMcS asked if the board could receive some GDPR training. DMcC suggested that Sam Pringle be asked to present to the board as he already had to the Audit Committee.

13. Given progress on HMS Caroline referred to in the report, DMcC suggested that the board might meet there again in the near future.

Quarterly Reports and Dashboards

14. The board considered each of the four “red” items on the dashboards.

15. In response to a query from KT, SW explained that there was regular liaison between AMU and Alan McVicker to ensure a consistency of approach.

16. DMcC noted the reference in the quarterly report to Belfast Transport Hub’s rating as “critical national infrastructure”. 17. KT suggested a review of the format of the quarterly reports, noting variations of approach and content. BH acknowledged there were inconsistencies that he would address. He noted that these sometimes arose through the reuse of reports prepared for other purposes and this approach reduced the need to rewrite material.

18. KT noted that at a recent awards ceremony she had highlighted the role of SIB in promoting the Buy Social initiative.

Finance Report

19. BH noted that spend was within target.

ISNI and AMU Reports

20. In MS took the ISNI report as read. He updated the board on the range of data analytics projects being carried out with Department for Infrastructure, EA, SBRI, and the Charities Commission. He explained that work was ongoing with AMU on courts and energy modelling, and with Belfast City Council in relation to the innovation element of the City Deal.

21. SW explained that the AMU report provided with the papers was a copy of the end of year report which had been taken to the NICS Board. He noted in particular the total capital realisations figure since 2011/12, and the cumulative efficiency savings to date – which was well ahead of the target for this stage of a ten year plan. He explained that Annex C to the report set out the action plan for 2018/19. He noted that the format of the plan had been amended to match the structure of AMU.

Media Pack

22. The contents of the press pack were noted.

Strule

23. JM joined the meeting and gave a short presentation on the current position on the Strule Shared Education Campus Project.

Chairman

ACTIONS:

1. Amendment of March 2018 Minutes as per item 2 (GH)
2. Progress appointment of individual to advise on internal structural change (BH/GMcG)