

Minutes of a Board Meeting of Strategic Investment Board Limited

Held at 10.30am on Tuesday 10th December 2013 at
The MAC

Present:	Frank Hewitt (FH) Chris Thompson (CT) Duncan McCausland (DM) Gerry McGinn (GMcG) (Chairman) Marie Therese McGivern (MTM) Brett Hannam (BH)
In attendance:	Scott Wilson (SW) Martin Spollen (MS)
Apologies:	Bro McFerran Geraldine McAteer Gregor Hamilton

1. Chairman's and Directors' Business

The Chairman explained that, because the meeting would be immediately followed by the Board's Away Day, it would be heavily abbreviated and comprise only the Executive's reports. The Minutes of the November meeting would be discussed in January.

The Chairman reported on progress with the reappointment of two non-executive directors and on meetings with senior officials.

2. Chief Executive's Report

BH spoke to his written report. He noted the recent announcement that the Justice and Health Ministers had approved the appointment of a Preferred Bidder for the NI Community Safety College at Desertcreat. The Board welcomed this news.

BH reported on recent developments with the strategic waste programme and explained the nature of ongoing discussions with the bidders. He also reported on discussions with DoE officials. Board members questioned BH on future scenarios and about the nature of SIB's ongoing involvement in the projects.

BH spoke briefly on MLK. DM gave the Board his assessment of the current position and an overview of the Development Corporation's likely work-plan for 2014/15.

BH provided the Board with a summary of the Procurement Board's discussion of the Review of Commissioning and Procurement. Although there had been some 'push back' from officials, it had been agreed that a sub-group should be established to consider the report further. HOCS had decided that this should comprise Permanent Secretaries from the major spending departments. SIB would attend as an observer. The Board discussed the views expressed at the Procurement Board and their significance for the implementation of the review's recommendations.

BH reported that the Internal Auditors had concluded their work programme for 2013/14 and their reports would be considered at the next meeting of the Audit Committee. No serious weaknesses had been identified by their work.

BH was asked whether a new HR Manager had yet been appointed. BH reported that the recruitment process was ongoing.

4. AMU Report

SW spoke to his written report. He noted that the 2013/14 target for capital releases had been met. The Board expressed its satisfaction with this achievement.

SW reported on a list of projects that had been identified as a result of work on Departmental asset management plans. Such projects would be progressed in DoJ, DARD, DFP and DRD. He also noted cross-departmental, thematic projects such as the Investigation of opportunities to reduce unitary charge liabilities in PPPs.

SW noted that FM and dFM would shortly be asked to approve the publication of the Asset Management Strategy Implementation Plan. A submission had also been made asking for permission to publish the 'State of the Estate' report.

A project has been established to take forward the reform of property management within DFP. Paul Wickens will be the SRO and SIB will provide a project director. Similarly a Board has been established with AMU representation to take promote Collaborative Procurement in the public sector. An OBC for this is in development.

SW reported that the Landlord Restructuring Project (LRP) is underway now that the team is in place. A key objective is to undertake analysis and prepare input to an Executive paper for February 2014 seeking approval to proceed with the production of a business case.

5. ISNI Report

MS spoke to his written report. He noted that work on the Infrastructure Audit (IA) was almost complete and invited the Board to provide further comments. Dr Edgar Morgenroth of the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) had reviewed the paper and a meeting would be held shortly with Professor Neil Gibson of the Northern Ireland Centre for Economic Policy (NICEP) at UU. A final version of the IA will be issued to Board members in due course. The Board discussed the audience for the paper and how it might best be used in the development of the next Investment Strategy.

MS reported on the development of Strategic Infrastructure Planning Models and said that he intended to provide the Board with a demonstration of the Police decision support system in February. He noted the work with DE, ESA and DEL.

Chairman