

SPORT NORTHERN IRELAND

MINUTES

CONFIDENTIAL

Second Meeting 2012

Held on Friday 30 March 2012 in the House of Sport, Malone Road, Belfast BT9 5LA.

PRESENT

In the Chair:	D Walsh
Members:	G Campbell M Cowan P Cummings J D'Arcy B Delaney B Macaulay R Mallon A Money Penny S McCullough H McGrady D O'Connor J O'Neill P Turnbull
Chief Executive:	E McCartan
Staff in Attendance:	N Harkness S Ogle A Sloan T Gorman E Bailey

1 **APOLOGIES**

An apology was received from Mr R Carr.

2 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Chairman asked Members individually if they had any interests to declare. No-one declared an interest.

3 **STADIUM PROGRAMME UPDATE**

The purpose of the meeting was to further inform and update Members on matters relating to the Stadia Programme. The Chairman reported on the meeting with the Minister who made it clear that she had made certain decisions in relation to the Stadia Programme.

To facilitate Members' understanding of the issue the Director of Participation

and Places delivered a presentation on the Stadia Programme. This gave a comprehensive background to the work done to date on the Stadia Programme and Members discussed the current positives, remaining issues, the structure strengths and weaknesses, Board and team structures and policy related issues.

The Chairman then reported on his private pre-meeting with the Minister which preceded the meeting with the Members. At this meeting the Minister informed him that she had decided to move the overall operational responsibility for the next phase of the Stadia Programme to DCAL. The Chairman further reported that the Minister clarified that the outworkings of this decision would be subject to detailed discussion in the coming days.

The Board heard that the Minister subsequently met with the Members in attendance and advised them of her decision. The Minister sought to thank SNI for its work to date and ongoing assistance and support during the next phase of this vital capital programme would be essential.

Members accepted the Minister's decision and agreed to continue to work positively to achieve the Ministerial aims. Members requested that the Chairman write to the Minister confirming this and setting out the conclusions of their earlier discussions on the delivery of the programme.

After discussion Members recorded their thanks to the staff for the full briefing and the obvious hard work that had gone in to progressing the Stadium Projects to where they are today. Members in particular noted that all three projects are currently progressing in line with their programmed timelines.

4 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

4.2 St Colman's College Newry – Building Sport Project

The Director of Corporate Services reported that a communication had been received from a journalist seeking clarification on aspects of the business case for the St Colman's College Project and that these had been reviewed and he had found that no further action was necessary.

The Director of Corporate Services advised that DCAL's Permanent Secretary had written to the Chairman (also copied to the Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee) concerning the St Colman's College Project. In the letter she raised a number of questions as to why DCAL had not been notified of this communication.

Council agreed that the Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee would examine the matter and report back to the Chair of Council, the Audit and Risk Management Committee and the Council.

4.3 Arms-Length Body Review

The Chairman reported that at the Ministerial meeting on Wednesday 28 March she had also advised that a review of SNI would be undertaken and that this was an extension to the existing ALB review which is currently underway.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 1 May 2012.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

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