

## **SPORT NORTHERN IRELAND**

### **MINUTES**

### **CONFIDENTIAL**

#### **Special Meeting**

Held on Thursday 7 May 2009 in Wellington Park Hotel, 21 Malone Road, Belfast, BT9 6RU

### **PRESENT**

In the Chair: Mr D Walsh

Members: Mr B McCargo  
Ms M Muldoon  
Mrs U Duncan  
Mr P Turnbull  
Mr J D'Arcy  
Mr A Money Penny  
Mr B McAuley  
Mr A Strong

In Attendance: Mr P Curran, Arthur Cox, Solicitors  
Mrs L Mallon, Arthur Cox, Solicitors

Chief Executive: Mr E McCartan

Staff in Attendance: Mr N Harkness  
Mr S Ogle  
Mr A Sloan  
Miss L Beattie

#### **1. APOLOGISES**

Apologies were received from Dr Olive Brown, Mr M Cowan, Mr H McCaughey, Mr D O'Connor, Councillor J Rodgers

#### **2. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting including Mr P Curran and Mrs L Mallon of Arthur Cox Solicitors.

#### **3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Chairman asked everyone individually if they had any interests to declare.

The following declared interest.

Mr P Turnbull advised that he would leave the meeting before the Minutes of meeting of 20 February 2009 were discussed as he is a Member of Appeals Committee.

4. **MOVEMENT OF PROJECTS FROM EXCHEQUER BUDGET TO LOTTERY BUDGET** (Agenda Item 6)

Members considered Paper SNI/09/76 which sought Members approval to move a number of Exchequer projects to Lottery.

Members noted that SNI had full spend on their cash budget and that there had been an overspend on Accruals Budget of £1.4 M and that it is proposed that a number of Exchequer projects be move to Lottery.

Members were also advised that SNI has had notification from DCAL that there is an additional £10.63 M for Exchequer Capital budget.

Members raised the question of whether SNI will be able to spend the money and noted that to facilitate larger more strategic projects confirmed capital budgets are required long term rather than on a one year basis but that Department have advised they can only provide confirmation on an annual basis.

Members also raised the issue that if there was a Judicial Review this could delay the Elite Facilities programme and cause an untimely delay which could in turn cause problems regarding spend.

It was noted that on recent advice from DCAL unspent cash, if declared, could be carried forward.

Members approved the movement of projects and also to the extra Capital monies.

**Mr P Turnbull left the meeting**  
**Mr A Strong left the meeting**

5. **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 20 February 2009, having been previously circulated, were unanimously approved and signed.

6. **UPDATE ON ELITE FACILITIES**

Members were advised that the appeal to Judicial Review by FSG McClure Watters to SNI has been adjourned by the Court until the appeal by Belfast City Council has been dealt with. It was noted that a new date has been set for the Judicial Review Hearing of 4 June 2009. In the interim SNI are taking legal advice and an Appeals Pack went to Belfast City Council this morning for their comment.

It was noted that there has been no date set for the Appeals Committee as yet and this would be arranged as soon as possible. Members noted that the Council meeting on 2 June 2009 should consider the recommendations of the Appeals Committee and make a decision.

7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 2 June 2009

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chair advised that once minutes of the Accountability meeting he attended with the Minister are available these will be circulated to all Members.

The Chair provided Members with an overview of meetings the three major sports had with the Minister regarding Stadia.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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