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## INNIN

2010 seen a nummer mukkil oncums for the North South Council o Meinisters (NSCM).

### NSCM FORGAITHERS

At its Plenarie forgaither o 5 Julie, members o the Norlin Airlan Executive an the Govrenment Airlan haen a fou colleague anent the fiscal challenges afoer ilka stewartrie an the meisurs a-takkhan for tae bring thegither housshaulds an busk for the economic recuiverin. Heid organ wark daen thegither wis talkit ower, an the abeilite for jint wark anent jint capacite for the leirin an oncum a-pruiwan. Gan on frae this colleague, the Europ Commeisionar for the Leirin, Innovate an Science, Maire Geoghegan-Quinn, wis gien a invit for tae leuk in at the NSCM Traed an Business Oncum forgaither, an she daen siclyk in November 2010.

The NSCM Traed an Business Oncum forgaither wis ane o twintie forgaithers comprehendan meinisters frae the Norlin Airlan Executive an the Airis Govement held unner the auspices o the North South Council o Meinisters. The forgaithers happit the fou reinge maiters an progress wis maed, or mukkil deceisions taen, in a reinge airts comprehendan the A5 (Aughnacloy tae North West Gatewey) an A8 (Belfast tae Larne) raas projects; the outgie o a new radiotherapie heid biggin at the Altnagelvin Spittal; the upset o the innovative North-South Bairn Fen Hub wabsteid; a reinge raa sauftie meisurs; a aa-islan animal halth an walfaur strategie, an the remuiv o no legal affsat affpit frae steids in Norlin Airlan (tak a keek at the din for mair wittins anent thir an ither maiters).

The wark o the North South Implement Curns an Tourism Airlan wis leukit ower at NSCM forgaithers anaa. The Council taen in dins frae the Curns anent performance leukit at agin taigerts, as kythes in Business an Corporat Ploys. Meinisters greed 2010 Business Ploys an housshaulds comprehendan the effeiciencie hainins on the founs o guidelines greed frae the twa Finance Depairtments. Meinisters leukit ower progress anent the buskin o the Curns Corporat Ploys 2011-13, Business Ploys 2011 an thair Yerlie dins an Accounts anaa. The

Jint Oireachtas an Assemblie Public Accounts Comatee Owerleuks o North South Curns wis sat furth Juin 2010.

### ATHORT MEAR MOBEILITIE

We maed a din tae the NSCM Plenarie in Julie 2010, at we haen identifeed a nummer athort-mear mobeilitie maiters, comprehendan cesses, access tae walfaur benefits an associate reed sairins, athort-mear transport sairins, lyk ken o vocational qualifications, access tae vocational trainin an athort-mear post sairins, as wis needan tent. Sinsyn, the NSCM Jint Secretariat is efter the exploer o thir maiters mair pairticular wi the departments necessar an wi ither curns for tae see, ar the genuine barriers needan a chyng in the laa or admeinistration, or is the sweir pynt a want o wittins an communicate? As a pairt o this wark, we war gien a invit frae the Airis representar tae the Europ Netwark o Free Muivin athin the Europ Union for tae tak pairt in a seminar, ats sponsor wis the Europ Commeision, anent the free muivin o wirkars, held in Dublin in November. At the seminar we sat the ettils maed frae the NSCM for tae leuk tae the maiters fowk in Norlin Airlan an Airlan gaes up agin out, an thaim biedan an wirkan in the differan stewartries.

### OUTRAX DAEINS

The Jint Secretariat gaed on wi its ettils at the uphold o the guid relaets wi haemlie electit, business, kirk an ceivic representars anaa. We gaed on wi the colleague wi curns a-dae wi our wark the lyk o athort-mear pairtneries, Chaumbers o Commerce an haemlie owerances in the mairches. At the invit o Airis Mids Mairch Airts Network (ICBAN), we gaun tae Brussels for tae tak pairt in a seminar wi the Europ Commeision an ither offeicials a-dae in the fou reinge airts o interest tae haemlie owerances. We cam thegither on raigular founs wi the Centre for Athort Mear Studdies, the International Centre for Haemlie an Regional Oncum, an the IBEC/CBI Jint Business Council. Forby, we sat a presentation furth anent the wark o the NSCM tae groups comprehendan the Church Airlan Menfowks Associe an a group o mid-career professionals frae new democracies an oncumman kintras reingean frae Bangladesh tae Vietnam (this visit wis sat up frae the Vairsitie Birmingham as a pairt o its Chevening

Chielship Program anent ‘Democracie, the Rule o Laa an Securitie’).

As a pairt o our cultur outrax we held up a reinge events in 2010 comprehendan the John Hewitt Simmer Schuil an wis jint host alang wi the Armagh Ceitie an District Council the first aye assemblie furth o Dublin o Aosdána (the affiliate o creative airtists in Airlan).

#### **NEW BIGGINS**

Efter teen yeir in temporar biggins, the Jint Secretariat maed the muiv tae new ettil-biggit biggins at 58 Upper Inglis, Armagh, in Apryle 2010. The modren three-storey biggin gies new offices an forgaither facelilities. The faceilitie can tak on the fou reinge NSCM Meinisterial forgaithers. The biggin itsself thenou gaes wi the architectur an heirship o the airt. Hit taks in the heichmaist environs an energie hainin staundarts an is efter a-giean the tap environs raikin in the Biggin Leirin Environs Pruiw Method (BREEAM) an haes the heichmaist office scoer in Norlin Airlan an Airlan. Forby, an kennan its accessibeilite tae aabodie, comprehendan thaim wi disabilities, hit is efter a-giean the mukkil-socht William Keown Access Capital Awaurd. We wad be for giean thanks tae the wirkars o the Armagh Ceitie an District Council for thair organ assistin an uphold tae the NSCM Jint Secretariat an for makkan our flit tae our new haem sae eith. Forby, we wad be for giean thanks tae the Deparment Finance an Plannin an the Office Public Warks for thair assistin, an fittan out the biggin wi airt wark, at ansuers tae it weel. Airt frae the public collects in the baith stewartries is tae see athort the biggin, an the Armagh Ceitie an District Council, in a mynt wi the Jint Secretariat, his commeisioned a new bit airt for the biggin, at bes for kythean Juin 2011.

It wis wi a mukkil sair hairt at we heirt o the deith o our colleague Caroline Rice-Hynds in Apryle efter a lang disease. Caroline jint the Jint Secretariat in 2001 an wirkit wi us til 2009. As a tribute tae her, wirkars frae the Jint Secretariat sat up a gey successfu table quiz in September, at heftit ower £2,000 for Action Cancer.

At the hinner end, we ar wantan tae pey tribute tae Tom Hanney, at taen up his new post as Airlans Ambassador tae Belgium in Julie efter a fouwer-yeir term as Jint Secretar (South). We thank him for aa his wark wi the North South Council o Meinisters an ar howpan his lum reeks lang in the future! We wad be for giean thanks tae offeicials in the Norlin Airlan Executive, Airis Govrenment Departments, the North South Curns, the Jint Secretariat an aa our colleagues an feirs for thair vailiyet help an jint wark athort the yeir anaa.

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## CHAIPTER AE: NSCM Plenarie Forgaither



Meinisters taen at the teent NSCM Plenarie forgaither 5 Julie 2010, Farmleigh House, Dublin

1.1 The NSCM forgaithert in Plenarie format 5 Julie 2010 at Farmleigh House, Dublin. At the forgaither the Airis Govrenment delegate wis heidit frae the Taoiseach Brian Cowen TD, an the Norlin Airlan Executive delegate wis heidit frae the First Meinister, the Rt Hon Peter Robinson, MLA an the First Meinister depute Mairtin McGuinness, MP, MLA, The Jint Communiqué sat furth efter the forgaither kythes at [www.northsouthministerialcouncil.org](http://www.northsouthministerialcouncil.org)

1.2 The war a comprehensive colloque o the fiscal challenges afoer ilka stewartrie an the meisurs a-takkan for tae bring thegither housshaulds an tae busk for the economic recuiver. The need tae mak siccarr vailtie for siller athort aa public sector siller outgie in thenous sweir economic environs wis taen tent o. Meinisters gien a walcum tae organ collegues atween the twa Finance Meinisters for tae wael out potential cost hainins wi jnt wark an shaerin.

1.3 The Council talkit ower jnt wark for the forder o the innovate anaa, at sets up economic growth an creates employ. Thay talkit ower the initit o innovate vouchers on aa-islan founs, siller gien out throu the Program for Leirin in Thrid leveel Institutions, cancer leirin, upbiggit jnt wark in makkan siccarr leirin siller unner the EU Seivent Fraemwork Program (FP7) an the success o the US/Airlan/Norlin Airlan Leirin an Oncum Pairtnerie.

1.4 Meinisters gien a walcum tae the abeilitie for jnt wark, an winnan tae the forder o the jnt capacite o the baith stewartries for the Leirin an Oncum. Thay pairticular sat the wark o the NSCM Traed an Business Oncum sector foer, anent innovate, leirin an oncum an anent a aa-islan ecoseistem for innovate. It wis greed at the Europ Commeisionar for Leirin Innovate an Science, Máire Geoghegan Quinn, wad be gien a inviet for tae cum tae a futur forgaither o NSCM, an efterhaund

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Commeisionar Geoghegan-Quinn cam tae the NSCM Traed an Business Oncum forgaither on 12 November 2010.

1.5 The forgaither talkit ower concerns a-dae wi the bankin an insurance sectors. Kintra o origin meat labellin wis talkit ower anaa. The import o athort-mear traed for the meat industries wis taen tent o, an it wis kent at the Meinisters necessar wis talkan ower thir maiters.

### JINT SECRETARS PROGRESS DIN

1.6 At the Plenarie forgaither, Meinisters taen tent o the oncum athort the NSCM airts for jint wark on the founs o a progress din sat furth frae the Jint Secretars. Heid maiters talkit ower comprehendit:

- the A5 (Aughnacloy tae North West Gatewey) an A8 (Belfast-Larne) whaur hit maed a din at wark wis gan on weel. Thir projects wis on target tae cum tae the neist heid mielstaens – Furthset o the Scroll o Orders – in laet 2010/ear 2011. The A1 raa warks for tae fill the Dublin Belfast cleek in wis naur daen at the tym o the forgaither. The new carriageway wis oppen tae traffic in Julie 2010;
- progress anent the oncum o a new satellite radiotherapie centre at the Altnagelvin Spittal. The Airis Govrenment greed, oweraa, tae gie a capital an revenue inpit out. In December 2010 the Executive Finance Meinister, in his staetment tae the Norlin Airlan Assemblie anent the scroll o the Executives houshauld, put foer at this heid project wad be aible for gan on;
- progress anent a reinge bairn fen maiters, comprehendan the outset o the innovative North-South Bairn Fen Hub at, it is thocht, is the first o its kin athort the Baa;
- the douncum o bluid alcohol leevels in the baith stewartries for tae impruiv raa sauftie;
- the lyk ken o dryvar disqualifications between the UK an Airlan brocht in on 28 Januar 2010 an

ongan wark anent the langer term ettil o the lyk ken o the penaltie pynts;

- the greeance o a Aa-islan Animal Halth an Walfaur Strategie
- steps taen for tae mak siccar the remuiv o affpit frae steids at Sladdinagh, Co Fermanagh an naur Trillick, Co Tyrone;
- progress anent the implement o the EU PEACE III an INTERREG IVA programs;
- a updaet anent the Middletoun Centre for Autism, whaur the Burid bes efter a-settan up for a farder 3-yeir term, an
- progress anent dominie leir maiters oweraa an anent Earse-Medium Leir (IME) pairticular. It wis taen tent at the war coordination an jint wark for the owercum o leir unner-acheiv, the schuil leadership, an the Earse-Medium Leir (IME).

### ST ANDREWS GREEANCE OWERLEUK

1.7 At this Plenarie forgaither, it wis greed at recommends in a din sat foer for the Owerleuk Group frae a reed panel o experts/reedars, wad be put furth for thochts tae Meinisters, as haes responsibeilitie for the North South Curns. It wis taen tent, forby, at a speirin wis a-dae athin Executive depaertments anent the secont an thrid terms o reference o the St Andrews Greeance Owerleuk. It wis greed tae think on the outcum o the speirin, at wis ongan in the baith stewartries, at a NSCM forgaither tae cum.

### NORTH SOUTH SPEIRIN FORUM

1.8 The Council taen tent at the Airis Govrenment wis efter daean the faceilitate o a secont speirin confeerance wi the pairtakklin o social pairtners an ither ceivil societie groups frae athort the islan.

### NORTH SOUTH PAIRLAMENTAR FORUM

1.9 The Council taen tent at a jint forgaither o the North-South Pairlamentar Forum Wirkan Groups wis held on 21 Juin 2010 for tae talk ower a propoen for a

jint Confeerance in ear October. The Wirkan Groups greed at offeicials frae baith laa-makkan curns wad gae on wi forgaithers for tae leuk ower pairticular pairts o the scroll o the Confeerance program an gie dins bak tae thair respective wirkan groups wi the ettil at cumman tae a richtlie confeerance program. The Council taen tent at the upset o a Forum is a maiter for the Oireachtas an the Norlin Airlan Assemblie.

#### **SCHEDULE O FUTUR FORGAITHERS**

1.10 A schedule o futur forgaithers wis gien thocht tae, an greed.

## CHAPTER TWA: NSCM Forgaithers in Sector Format

This chapter gies a owerleuk o NSCM forgaithers in sector format in 2010. The Jint Communiqués frae thir forgaithers kythes at [www.northsouthministerialcouncil.org](http://www.northsouthministerialcouncil.org)

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# Agricultur



Kerr tae richt: Brendan Smith TD, Meinister for Agricultur, Fisheries an Meat, Michelle Gildernew MP, MLA, Meinister o Agricultur an Laundart Oncum an Edwin Poots MLA, Meinister o the Environs.

2.1.1 The NSCM forgaithert in Agricultur sector format in Hillsborough on 31 Mairch an in Dublin on 13 October. Brendan Smith TD, Meinister for Agricultur, Fisheries an Meat, Michelle Gildernew MP, MLA, Meinister o Agricultur an Laundart Oncum an Edwin Poots MLA, Meinister o the Environs cam tae the baith forgaithers. Pat Carey TD, Meinister for Commontie, Coequalitie an Gaeltacht Maiters cam tae the October forgaither.

### AA-ISLAN ANIMAL HALTH AN WALFAUR STRATEGIE

2.1.2 A Aa-Islan Animal Halth an Walfaur Strategie, sat up for tae mak the best animal halth status o the islan throu the alien o policies for the owerance o animal disease wis greed. It wis gien ken at fou jint wark anent animal halth maiters haen the abeilitie for tae help the doungang an fen o animal disease spreid an the facilitate o traed. The Agricultur Departments greed a Daeins Ploy for 2010/11 for outfit o the heid parts o the Strategie.

### JINT WARK ANENT LEIRIN

2.1.3 The war a presentation frae offeicials anent jint wark anent the leirin, at wis a-dae wi thenous structurs an siller outgie raas for the leirin in the baith stewartries, an shawed the import an avauntages o organ jint wark. Meinisters gien a walcum tae ploys for the throupit o this jint wark an engage anent airts o lyk interest an avaantage, comprehendan access tae international an EU siller outgie programs.

### LAUNDART ONCUM

2.1.4 The war a presentation frae offeicials anent thair incum tae thair respective laundart Whit Paipers an the athort-mear pairts o this wark anaa.

2.1.5 Meinisters gien formal endorse tae the Laundart Enaiblear Project, at leuks tae maiters o sectarianism an racism in a laundart context, an at wis efter haean appruiv gien for siller outgie o £2.7m unner the PEACE III Program.

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2.1.6 Thay taen tent o the heich level o interest in the siller outgie o €10m oppen frae the laundart oncum element o the INTERREG IVA Program for tae leuk tae laundart disavaantage / depriev throu strategic ahort-measur daeins athin the ansueran airt o Norlin Airlan, the mear counties o Airlan, an Wastren Scotlan. Siller outgie for the first o this Programs Laundart Oncum projects wis gien appruiv frae the Interreg IVA Steer Comatee on 14 October 2010.

### PLAUNT HALTH AN PESTICIDES

2.1.7 Meinisters taen tent o progress anent the oncum o a wark program for a jint strategic incum tae plaint halth an pesticides an leukit foerairt tae the wark program for a-settan furth tae a NSCM Agricultur forgaither in ear 2011. Thay taen tent o ongan jint wark, an takkan tent tae a nummer outbreaks o *Phytaphthora ramorum* in Japanese larrik forests anaa. At the outset o the outbreaks, the necessar contingencie ploys wis

appleed in the baith stewartries an the war a mukkil ongan jint wark between twa the agricultur departments anent the mairter.

### COMMON AGRICULTUR POLICIE (CAP) & WARLD TRAED CURN (WTO)

2.1.8 The Europ dairie industrie wis in a sair crisis the maist fek o 2009 wi a mukkil price faa for the dairie products cumman tae a mukkil doungang in prices peyed tae the dairie fairmars. In laet 2009, the dairie mercat cam better an returns in 2010 wis einlie. Meinisters gien a walcum tae the impruiv in the dairie mercat poseition in 2010 an the outgie o €300m frae the EU for tae gie help tae dairie fairmars sairlie impactit frae the dairie crisis.

2.1.9 Meinisters greed tae bied in naur contact in the uprin tae, an in, the negotiates anent the owerleuk o the EU housshaud an anent the futur o CAP.

# Leir



Kerr tae richt: Geyn Rev John Canon Kearney, Preses o Buidr Govrenars, St Marks Heich Schuil, Warrenpynt, Michelle Corheid, Principal, Caitríona Ruane MLA, Meinister for Leir, Mary Coughlan TD, Tánaiste an Meinister for Leir an Skeils, Eithne Lennon an Joe McCann, Principals Depute.

**2.2.1** The NSCM forgaithert in Leir sector format in Warrenpynt on 23 Juin. Mary Coughlan TD, Tánaiste an Meinister for Leir an Skeils, Caitríona Ruane MLA, Meinister for Leir an Sir Reg Empey MLA, Meinister for Employ an Learnin cam tae this forgaither.

## LEIR UNNERACHEIV

**2.2.2** Meinisters taen in a presentation frae practeitionars an offeicials anent initiatives ettilt at wirkan agin leir unneracheiv in disavauntaged commonties.

**2.2.3** Thay gien a walcum tae wirkin thegither frae the baith depairtments anent the literacie an numeracie comprehendan wark anent Traivelar leir, the positive din o the jint Efter-Primarie Numeracie Confeerance, an the aa-islan Bairns Beuk Program. Thay gien a walcum tae the plannin for a confeerance in Februar 2011 wi the wirkan heidin 'Schuils uphauldan bairns literacy' anaa.

**2.2.4** The Council taen tent at offeicials wad exploer the abeilitie for tae hauld a 'Peer Learnin Event anent Schuil Attendin' wi a focus tae efter-primarie schuils.

A din wis sat furth, at the wark anent Traivelar leir comprehendan the end o speirins wi Travellers wad cum intae the recommends o the Task Force anent Traivelar Leir.

**2.2.5** The outset o foer-schuil, efter-primarie an byordinar schuil "Tuilkits for Diversite", for tae uphold dominies an schuils wi cumman tae the needs o newcummar pupils an thair parents, wis taen tent anaa.

## SCHUIL YOUTH AN DOMINIE NIFFERS

**2.2.6** It wis taen tent at a owerleuk o jint wark in the airt o the leir niffers wis comprehendit in the comprehensive Jint Studdie o North South Jint wark in Leir, at bes a-takkan foerairt frae the twa leir depairtments.

**2.2.7** The engage between the twa leir depairtments an the IBEC/CBI Jint Business Council (JBC) anent the oncum o a enterprise straund in the Dissolvein Bounds project wis taen tent o anaa. A evaluate o the first yeir o the pilot enterprise straund o the program is plannt.

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### DOMINIE QUALIFICATIONS

2.2.8 Meinisters gien a walcum tae the re-big o the Dominie Qualifications Wirkan Group an progress maed in jint wark in dominie leir maiters oweraa an Earse Medium Leir pairticular.

2.2.9 Thay gien a walcum anaa tae mair measurs for tae mak wirkin thegither an jint wark anent Schuil Leadership an Earse-Medium Leir (IME) stranger, comprehendan a comeitin for tae shaer, whaur aible, gear an graith for tae evyt duplicatein.

2.2.10 The Council gien a walcum tae the inpit o niffers atween the Inspectorates o the baith depaertments o leir for the uphauld o the organ oncum o inspection practice in the baith stewartries comprehendan the pairticular focus o the 2009/2010 niffers anent the themes o guid

practice in literacie an numeracie leir an ear bairnheid leir.

### LEIR FOR BAIRNS WI BYORDINAR LEIR NEEDS

2.2.11 The Council gien a walcum tae the organ progress maed frae the Middletoun Centre for Autism comprehendan re-ontak o the Buird for a farder three-year term, the rowein out o farder trainin packs athort the islan, the outgie o reed an guidin tae schuils, an organ leirin an wittins sairins.

2.2.12 Meinisters put ower thair organ uphauld for the ettis o the Centre an the twa leir depaertments for tae bring on a monie-year ploy for the futur oncum o the Centre anaa.

# Environs



Kerr tae richt: Conor Murphy MP, MLA, Meinister for Regional Oncum, John Gormley TD, Meinister for the Environs, Heirship an Haemlie Govrenment an Edwin Poots MLA, Meinister o the Environs.

2.3.1 The NSCM forgaithert in Environs sector format on 5 Mairch in Dublin an on 20 October in Armagh. John Gormley TD, Meinister for the Environs, Heirship an Haemlie Govrenment an Edwin Poots MLA, Meinister o the Environs cam tae the baith forgaithers. Margaret Richie MLA, Meinister for Social Oncum cam tae the Mairch forgaither an Conor Murphy MP, MLA, Meinister for Regional Oncum cam tae the October forgaither.

## ENVIRONS WITTINS AN LEIRIN

2.3.2 Meinisters gien a walcum tae a jint presentation frae the Norlin Airlan Environs Agentrie (NIEA) an the Environs Fen Agentrie (EPA) settan furth wittins o the propoens for a jint wark program. The wark program comprehends weys o lienan up wark an/or giean out jint siller for the gey importan leirin, data manage an shaerin, jint wirkin frae EPA an NIEA for tae big up the shaerin o experience an ken an the oncum o a applee for a jint EPA an NIEA heidin project.

2.3.3 Meinisters taen tent o the jint oncum o a lyk set environs indicatears frae the EPA an the Norlin Airlan Central Stateistics an Leirin Branch awnan tae NIEA.

2.3.4 Thay taen tent anaa, at the EPA an NIEA bes gan on wi jint applees for environs leirin siller outgie unner the Seivent Fraemwark (FP7), Interreg an LIFE+ programs, an gien a walcum tae the propoen frae EPA an NIEA for tae bring on a candidat leirin project for a-bringan on for EU siller outgie in 2011.

## ATHORT MEAR MUIVIN O AFFPIT

2.3.5 The Council gien a walcum tae the remuiv o affpit frae a steid at Slattinagh, Co Fermanagh an progress maed at a secont steid in Trillick, Co Tyrone. A evaluate o the wark aa daen in thir foerhaund steids will gie wittins for the plannin for the remuiv o affpit frae the laev of the steids, echteen in aa. Meinisters gien a walcum tae the comeitin o the twa owerances wi pouer for this for tae tak necessar daeins in laa agin awnars o steids an no legal operatears, jint inspects in the yeir, an at

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collogues wis cumman aff for tae gree farder jint enforce daeins identifeed frae thaim.

### AFFPIT MANAGE

2.3.6 Meinisters talkit ower affpit manage strategies in ilka stewartrie an the oncum o a graith manage wey o affpit managein. The challenges an progress in the baith Stewartries in gan on wi regulates for tae pit ower the Affpit Fraemwark Directive haen a mukkil upbig nott in the oweruiss an recyclein for a reinge affpit raas, comprehendan ben-the-houss an biggin affpit. The challenges sat for ilka admeinistration in pittan ower the Directive wis gien ken.

2.3.7 The Council taen tent o progress, an bringan on a graith manage incum for the affpit managein, at comprehendit the outset o the £5m Rethink Affpit Capital Fund in Norlin Airlan an the new affpit policie staetment, at wis at public speirins stage in Airlan.

2.3.8 The North South Mercat Oncum Steer Group, at gien out a cooperative incum tae mercat oncum on the baith sieds o the mear, maed a presentation tae the Mairch forgaither. It wis taen tent at the Group wad gie focus, first ava, tae a wark program haean in it a mukkil affpit, the lyk o furnitur an electrical graith, qualitie protocols, an case studdies anent recyclein best practice. At the October forgaither, Meinisters gien a walcum tae progress anent the groups wark program an taen tent o the inpit o Norlin Airlan tae the Plastic Aryns studdie.

### IMPLEMENT O THE EU WATTER FRAEMWARK DIRECTIVE

2.3.9 Meinisters gien a walcum tae the furthset o the River Howe Manage Ploys in the baith stewartries. Thay gien a walcum tae arreingeins for the implement o the Ploys comprehendan the jint document “Wirkan Thegither, Managean Our Shaert Watters”, at the North South Wirkan Group anent Watter Qualitie wad oversee coordinate implement o the Ploys an at the Group wad gae on wi settan progress dins tae NSCM furth.

# Halth



Kerr tae richt: Meinister Michael McGimpsey MLA, Meinister for Halth, Social Sairins an Public Sauftie, Michelle Gildernew MP, MLA, Meinister o Agricultur, Mary Harney TD, Meinister for Halth an Bairns an Barry Andrews TD, Meinister for Bairns an Youth Maiters.

**2.4.1** The NSCM forgaithert in Halth sector format in Armagh on 2 Juin an in Newrie on 10 November. Michael McGimpsey MLA, Meinister for Halth, Social Sairins an Public Sauftie, Michelle Gildernew MP, MLA, Meinister o Agricultur an Laundart Oncum an Barry Andrews TD, Meinister for Bairns an Youth Maiters cam tae the baith forgaithers. Mary Harney TD, Meinister for Halth an Bairns cam tae the Juin forgaither.

## BAIRN FEN

**2.4.2** The Council gien a walcum tae the outset o the innovative North South Bairn Fen Hub (the Hub). This byordinar online bairn fen graith brings thegither leirin, policie an practice guidin, inspection dins, sair case owerleuks, court juidgements, news airticles an ither prentit an video furthssets in the airt o bairn fen in the baith stewartries forby furhsat wittins frae ither sources. The Hub will be o uiss for thaim makkan policie, professional practitionars, leirars, an educatears for tae shaer an big up ken, bring on evidence-foundit practice an at the hinner end help wi the saufguard o vulnerable bairns.

**2.4.3** The outset o the Bairn Fen Communicate Strategie an Communiqué ettilt at the forder o fowks awaur an helpan aabodie in whit bes noott anent the saufguard o bairns wis gien a walcum anaa. The Communiqué sets weys out, as jint wark will be taen foreairt for the fedin o bairns, the saufguard o thair walfaur, the niffer o wittins an norries, the shaerin o guid practice, the oncum o protocols, an the onbring o siccar forder o lyk messages tae fowk.

**2.4.4** The Council gien a walcum tae progress anent a reinge bairn fen maiters, comprehendan wark for tae bring on a jint protocol a-dae wi bairns in caur an thaim on the bairn fen register, as flits atween stewartries, whaur the war concerns.

**2.4.5** Meinisters gien a walcum tae ongan wark in the baith stewartries a-dae wi the gey complex an sensitive maiter o historic bairn abuse an the wirkin thegither athin the baith stewartries anent the manage o sex offendars anaa.

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### SUICIDE FENDIN

2.4.6 The Council talkit ower progress anent the Aa-Islan Daeins Ploy anent the Suicide Fendin. Thay taen tent o the aible impact o thenous economic poseition anent suicide an greed tae the inbring o a new daein – Suicide an the Economic Situation – athin the Daeins Ploy. The upset o the new media monitor sairin in Norlin Airlan an the cummin tae an end o the aa-islan evaluate o Appleed Suicide Intervention Skeils Trainin wis gien a walcum anaa.

### HALTH FORDER

2.4.7 Meinisters talkit ower organjint wark anent halth forder, drug an alcohol misuiss an mens halth an pheisical daeins, an taen tent at the Drugs uiss in Airlan an Norlin Airlan Prevalence survey wad hae in it for the first tym wittins anent mephedrone an ither “legal heichs”.

### PAEDIATRIC CONGENITAL CARDIAC SAIRINS

2.4.8 The forgaither wis gien wittins at the Athort-Mear Paediatric Congenital Cardiac Surgery an Interventional Cardiologie in Norlin Airlan hid been wirkan gey guid anaa.

### RADIOOTHERAPIE

2.4.9 Meinisters talkit ower the tyscale gien for the oncum o a new satellite radiotherapie centre at the Altnagelvin Spittal, an at the Airis Govrenment wis efter greean, oweraa, for tae gie a capital an revenue inpit tae this centre.

### INTERREG IV

2.4.10 Jint Wark an Wirkin Thegither (CAWT) maed a presentation tae the Council anent progress tae the implement o the Interreg IVA Program in Halth an Social Caur. Baith halth depaertments is efter a-giean €30 million throu the Interreg IVA Program for halth an social caur daeins. CAWT wis waelt frae the halth depaertments for tae owreluk the implement an manage o the output o a reinge daeins.

# Tourism



Kerr tae richt: Niall Gibbons, Heid Executive, Tourism Airlan, Arlene Foster MLA, Meinister o Enterprise, Traed an Invest an Nelson McCausland MLA, Meinister o Cultur, Arts an Leisur in Belfast at the unhappin o details for a mukkil shawcase for Norlin Airlan tourism, at wis helt in New York, September 2010.

2.5.1 Tourism Airlan Ltd haes responsibeilitie for the mercatin in fremmit launds o the islan Airlan as a tourist destination. Tourism Airlan haes a Buird o 12 members taen on frae the NSCM. The Preses an Preses depute is Mr Hugh Friel an Ms Ciara Boyle lyk. The Buird members thenou kythes in Annex Three. The Heid Executive o Tourism Airlan is Mr Niall Gibbons. Farder wittins kythes at [www.tourismireland.com](http://www.tourismireland.com)

2.5.2 The NSCM forgaithert in Tourism sector format in Armagh on 16 Juin. Mary Hanafin, TD, Meinister for Tourism, Cultur an Sport, Arlene Foster, MLA, Meinister for Enterprise, Traed an Invest an Junior Meinister Gerry Kelly, MLA, cam tae the forgaither.

2.5.3 The Council taen in thenous wittins frae the Preses an Heid Executive anent the wark o Tourism Airlan. The Council talkit ower the swier condeitions athort the Baa anaa, as haen a negative impact anent tourism performin in 2010. Thay talkit ower the volcanic eruption in Icelan an the impact this wis efter haean tae lift traivel, at wis dramatic, no foreseen, an aefauld anaa.

2.5.4. Meinisters talkit ower Tourism Airlans ploys for tae bring bak upbig in veisitar numbers wi haean a focus on best prospect mercats an pittan out braider a vailie message in tactical mercatin campaigns anaa. Mair wittins o farder daeins plannt for the yeir comprehendit in Buird papers wis leukit ower. Thir daeins comprehendit:

- a byordinar mercatin campaign (at run ower the simmer an hairst monds) forderan Dublin in the Gret Britain mercat biggan on the accolade o “Europs Feirliest Ceitie” awaurdit tae Dublin.
- a £500,000 mercatin campaign forderan Belfast as a Ceitie o Music makkan a heidin o Belfasts rich music heirship. This haen for its target holideymakkars frae Gret Britain leukan thaim tae cum an unhappy Belfasts grawan music an festival scene an tae experience whit the ceitie haes tae bid.
- a campaign wi up tae 10 million o the Airis diaspora in the US for its target (sat out in the

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Mary Hannafin TD, Minister for Tourism Cultur an Sport (thrid frae kerr) in Dublins Temple Bar wi Tourism Airlan HEO Niall Gibbons (secont frae richt) an German faimlie Max, Wolfgang, Sophie an Katrin Kuerner, frae Dresden, as wis peyan a veisit tae Dublin for the first tym in the onset o a €1 million Tourism Airlan Dublin Mercatin Campaign.

simmer) wi the tagline ‘this is the yeir tae cum haem’, biggan on the raicent digitisein o the 1901 an 1911 censuses.

- Ploys for a Titanic Exhibition in the Vanderbilt Haa, Graund Central Station, New York. The ettil o the event wis the heft o awaur o Norlin Airlan as a tourism destination forby makkan the cleek atween the Titanic an Belfast. (This cam aff in September 2010).

# Transport



Kerr tae richt: Edwin Poots MLA, Meinister o the Environs, Noel Dempsey TD, Meinister for Transport an Conor Murphy MP, MLA, Meinister for Regional Oncum.

2.6.1 The NSCM forgaithert in Transport sector format in Newrie on 3 Mairch an in Armagh on 20 October. Noel Dempsey TD, Meinister for Transport, Edwin Poots MLA, Meinister o the Environs an Conor Murphy MP, MLA, Meinister for Regional Oncum cam tae the baith forgaithers.

2.6.2 At the forgaithers, Meinisters taen tent an gien a walcum tae the inlet o talkan ower athort-mear jint wark a-dae wi the Strategic Transport Plannin an Raa Sauftie.

## RAAS

2.6.3 The Council taen tent at contractars wis efter a-takkan on tae the A5 (North West Gatewey tae Aughnacloy) an A8 (Belfast tae Larne) raa projects, an at farder oncum wis organ, comprehendan speirins wi thaim as bes aucht laund naurhaund an ither pairties wi an interest. A payment schedule comprehendan the estimate upbiggit Airis Govrenment inpit tae winnan tae ilka mielstaen in the project wis greed.

2.6.4 Meinisters gien a walcum tae the oppenin o the new divid carriageway frae Beech Hill tae Cloghogue in

Julie 2010, at haes the haill raa atween Belfast an Dublin motorwey/divid carriageway staundart aa daen. Twa sairin stations foernent the M1, at Castlebellingham, Co Louth an at Lusk, Co Dublin, wis oppent in September 2010.

## RAA SAUFTIE

2.6.5 Meinisters talkit ower raa sauftie maiters anent laundart raas in the Mairches, thenous poseition anent raa deiths in ilka stewartrie, jint wark anent raa sauftie strategies an enforcein daeins, pairticular anent jint wark in the Mairches comprehendan wark wi GAA, the Young Fairmars Clubs o Ulster an ither sportin curns. The Raa Sauftie Owerance haen for its taigert the Mairches airt wi its programs, ‘A Caa tae Daein’ an ‘Wrecked.ie’, as wis gien a pilot in Dinniegall.

2.6.6 Meinisters taen tent o the innin an successfu wirkin o the lyk ken o dryvar disqualifications atween the UK an Airlan anaa. The lyk ken o the penaltie pynts wis a langer term ettil an offeicials wis foerplanain the upset o whit daeins can be taen on for tae tak this foerairt.

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2.6.7 Meinisters taen tent the arreingeins in the baith stewartries for the priuwin o compleein wi technical/sauftie/vehicle regulates amang HGV/Freit Operatears. The leel o thenous wirkin thegither frae the enforcein agentries an thae ploys for a series athort-mear enforcein regulates anent buses an coaches wis taen tent o anaa.

### BLUID ALCOHOL CONCENTRATE LEIMITS

2.6.8 Meinisters talkit ower progress anent nether bluid alcohol leimits in the baith stewartries lippenan tae the outcum o the recommends o the North Din an a coordinate incum tae the inbring o new leimits will gae on a-exploeran. Thay taen tent at offeicials wis forgaitheran for tae talk ower the shaerin, whaur necessar, o wittins anent the procure o new breith pruiwin graith.

### SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

2.6.9 The Council taen tent o the furthset frae the Depairtment o Transport o the National Cycle Policie Fraemwork as a folla-up tae the Smarter Traivel policie an at the Depairtment for Regional Oncum, throu its TravelWise initiative, wis input wi the forder o the waakin, cyclein, public transport an car shaerin tae businesses, commutears an schuils anaa. Thay taen tent at the Depairtment for Regional Oncum wis a-dae wi the uppit o a Active Traivel Forum anaa.

2.6.10 Offeicials is gan on wi the follain o the sustainable transport agenda, shaeran experience anent maiters the lyk o the success o the aa-islan Biek Seivennicht 2010, at haen in it jint plannin an claunch events, the lyk o the Cyclein Grand Prix in baith Belfast an Dublin.

2.6.11 Meinisters gien a walcum tae the organ oncum an success o the car shaer scheme for the North West airt, comprehendan the upset o a wabsteid, the vailylie o the first forder ettils an the growth o pairttakkars.

2.6.12 Thay gien a walcum tae the organ jint wark an reed frae the Electricitee Supplee Buird (ESB) for tae gie help tae the Depairtment o the Environs (DOE) an the Depairtment for Regional Oncum (DRD) anaan, an pittan

a bid in tae the Depairtment for Transport (DOT) Pluggit In Places initiative.

### BRIGS

2.6.13 Brigs on the Tyrone Monaghan mear at Knockaginnie an Annaghroe wis oppent forordinar in October 2010.

2.6.14 It wis sat furth at the Louth Countie Council wis efter pittan in a din tae the Depairtment o Transport anent the propoens for the Naira Watter Brig project an the din wis a-leukan ower frae the National Raas Owerance awnan tae the Depairtment. The quaisten o siller for the biggin wark cud be a-leukan at efter the end o the statutor plannin processes.

### FREIT FORUM

2.6.15 The outcum o the initial forgaither o a Freit Forum, at wis helt in Dublin Castle on 29 Januar 2010 wis leukit ower. This forgaither cam aff wi a braid reinge staekhauldars wi a interest in the forder o a sustainable freit sector.

2.6.16 Wirkan groups wis sat up for tae pruiw the foerhaund maiters outwaelt, comprehendan bean competitive in a sustainable wey, saufer, compleean an ecoeffeicient raa freit transport, rail freit an ither weys, international cleekin, an network managein.

### RAIL

2.6.17 Meinisters gien a walcum tae the appruiv unner "the Invest tae Hain" project o impruivs a-appleean tae the reliabilite o the Enterprise sairin.

2.6.18 It wis sat furth, at the twa railway companies gaed on giean thocht tae faer harmonisein on the Dublin Belfast rail sairin. The oncum o integrate ticketin seistems athort the islan Airlan baed a langer term ettil.

2.6.19 The Norlin Railwey Corridor Oncum studdie wis aa daen. The heid focus o the din wis a-dae wi the oncum potential alang the Ballymena – Derrie/Londonderrie railwey lien.

# Aquacultur an Marine



Kerr tae richt: Conor Lenihan TD, Meinister o Staet for Natural Graith, Michelle Gildernew MP, MLA, Meinister o Agricultur an Laundart Oncum an Edwin Poots MLA, Meinister o the Environs.

2.7.1 The NSCM forgaithers in Aquacultur an Marine sector format for tae tak deceisions anent policies an daeins for implement frae the Foyle Cairlinford an Airis Lichts Commeision (FCILC). The FCILC haes a Buird o 12 members taen on frae the NSCM. The Buird cairies out the functions o the Curn relaet tae the Foyle an Cairlinford airts throu the Lochs Agentrie.

2.7.2 The Preses an Preses depute o the Buird is Mr Tarlach O Crosain an Ms Jacqui McConvile lyk. The Buird members thenou kythes in Annex Three. The Heid Executive o the Lochs Agentrie is Mr Derick Anderson. Farder wittins kythes at [www.loughs-agency.org](http://www.loughs-agency.org)

2.7.3 NSCM Aquacultur an Marine forgaithers taen place in Hillsborough on 31 Mairch an in Armagh on 9 September. Conor Lenihan TD, Meinister o Staet for Natural Graith, Michelle Gildernew MP, MLA, Meinister o Agricultur an Laundart Oncum an Edwin Poots MLA, Meinister o the Environs cam tae the Mairch forgaither. Eamon Ryan TD, Meinister for Communicates, Energie an Naitur Graith, Michelle Gildernew MP, MLA, Meinister o

Agricultur an Laundart Oncum an Junior Meinister Robin Newton MLA cam tae the September forgaither.

2.7.4 The Council taen in progress dins frae the Preses an Heid Executive anent the wark o the Lochs Agentrie. Heid oncums talkit ower comprehendit:

- progress wi the implement o the Agentries Marine Tourism Oncum Strategie throu the rowe out o projects held up frae INTERREG 1V, the successfu engage wi the Norlin Airlan Tourist Buird, the startit up o the Riverwatch Phase 3 Project an the Riverwatch outrax environs science program wi schuils;
- the effectiveness o the Agentries repoen tae pollution mishanters on the Foyle seistem an the positive impact o the regulate o the Loch Foyle oyster fisherie comprehendan impruiv o the taks in the 2009-2010 saison;

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- the oncumman pairtnerie anent marine tourism atween the Lochs Agentrie, Norlin Airlan Tourist Buidr an the Louth Countie Council;
- the practical uiss o the monitor o fish species diversitie in the Loch Foyle an the wey hit is appleed in manage deceisions frae the Lochs Agentrie in the Foyle Catchment. Meinisters taen tent at the Agentries new monitor vessel, the MMV Ostrea, wis nou wirkan an is efter the facilitate o the survey o the seed mussel airts in the Cairlinford Loch an o the haemlie oyster fisherie in Loch Foyle. Meinisters taen tent o the practical applee o the Catchment Status Dins for tae mak siccar organ consairin an fen o freshwater fisheries an aquatic graith o the Foyle an Cairlinford seistems; an
- appruiv o fouwer sets o regulates noott for the consairin an fen o the fisheries in the Foyle an Cairlinford airts:
  - The Foyle Airt an Cairlinford Airt (Anglin) (Amend) Regulates 2010;
  - The Foyle Airt (Licensein o Oyster Fishin) (Amend) Regulates 2010;
  - The Foyle Airt (Licensein o Oyster Fishin) (Amend) Regulates 2010; an
  - The Foyle Airt (Owerance o Fishin) Regulates 2010.

# Meat Sauftie



Michael McGimpsey MLA, Minister for Health, Social Services and Public Safety, at a Safefood stand

**2.8.1** The NSCM forgaithers anent Meat Sauftie maiters for tae tak deceisions anent policies an daeins for implement frae the Meat Sauftie Forder Buird (FSPB). FSPB wirks unner the braund identifeear "safefood". Hit haes a Buird o reed o 12 members, taen on frae the NSCM, ats foerhaund ettil bes the foder o meat sauftie an the uphauld o science jint wark atween curns wirkan in thon airt. Mr John Dardis an Mr Campbell Tweedie is Preses an Preses depute o the Buird lyk. The Buird members thenou kythes in Annex Three. The Heid Executive o safefood is Mr Mairtin Higgins. Farder wittins kythes at [www.safefood.eu](http://www.safefood.eu).

**2.8.2** The NSCM forgaithert in the Meat Sauftie sector format in Armagh on 2 Juin an in Newry on 10 November. Mary Harney TD, Minister for Health and Social Care, Michael McGimpsey MLA, Minister for Health, Social Services and Public Safety, Michelle Gildernew MP, MLA, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Barry Andrews TD, Minister for Education and Youth Affairs, and the Juin forgaither.

**2.8.3** The Council taen in progress dins frae the Preses an Heid Executive anent the wark o the Meat Sauftie Forder Buird. Heid oncums talkit ower comprehendit:

- the reinge leirin daeins as wis a-takkan foerairt frae safefood, comprehendan the athort-section population studdie anent dietar saat intak, the qualitative leirin ettilt at the wittins needs o vulnerable an swier claukt groups relaet tae meat sauftie, an at a nummer new attitude leirin projects wis ongan;
- the ongan success o safefoods foder daeins an safefoods sponsor o a event in Belfast, at haen its focus tae the wark agin obesitie in young fowk. Ministers gien a walcum tae thir daeins an the oncum o aa-islan ken networks o meat sauftie professionals;
- the ontak o safefoods Science Reed Comatee. The ontaks o Dr Ken Baird an Professor Charles Daly as Preses an Preses depute lyk wis gien appruiv; an

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- wark cairiet out frae safefood, an upholdan its remit in laa anent the pruiwin o meat-buirn diseases an the wark o the Science Reed Comatee in the identifee o a lyk incum tae this pruiwin.

# Inlan Watterweys



Kerr tae richt: Pat Carey TD, Meinister for Commontie, Coequalitie an Gaeltacht Maiters, Caitríona Ruane MLA, Meinister for Leir an Nelson McCausland MLA, Meinister o Cultur, Airts an Leisur.

2.9.1 Watterweys Airlan haes responsibeilitie for the manage, uphauld, oncum an restoer o the inlan navigable watterwey seistems athort the islan, for foerhaund bytym ettils. Thenou, hit haes responsibeilitie for thir watterweys: Barra Navigation, Erne Seistem, Graund Canal, Nether Bann Navigate, Royal Canal, Shannon-Erne Watterwey an Shannon Navigate cumman tae juist aroun 1,000km o navigable watterweys. Hit haes responsibeilitie for the restoer o the airt o the Ulster Canal atween Clones an Heicher Loch Erne an, efter restoer, for its manage, uphauld an oncum. The Heid Executive o Watterweys Airlan is Mr John Mairtin. Farder wittins kythes at [www.waterwaysireland.org](http://www.waterwaysireland.org).

2.9.2 The NSCM forgaithert in Inlan Watterweys sector format in Armagh on 26 Mey an 3 November. Pat Carey TD, Meinister for Commontie, Coequalitie an Gaeltacht, Nelson McCausland MLA, Meinister o Cultur, Airts an Leisur an Caitríona Ruane MLA, Meinister for Leir cam tae the baith forgaithers.

2.9.3 The Council taen in progress dins frae the Heid Executive anent the wark o Watterweys Airlan. Heid oncums talkit ower comprehendit:

- between Januar an October 2010, Watterweys haen put out 490 metre o muirins forby on the watterweys. The uphauld program gaed on on aa the watterweys, pairticular the wark agin kenspekkil growthe in the Erne an the canals;
- Watterweys Airlan wun the socht efter O2 Abeilitie Awaards 2010 for “Environs Accessibeilitie” an taen on the status o “Abeilitie Companie” forby in the categories “Environs Accessibeilitie” an “Customar Sairin”;
- the throupit o Watterweys Airlans mercatin daeins wi the outgie o new furthssets for the forder an uphauld o the uiss o the watterweys an the sponsor o heid events on the watterweys in 2010. The Laeklans an Inlan Watterweys initiative a-dae wi a mercatin campaign for the Erne Shannon seistem gaed on in this tym an the

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Watterweys Airlan Veisitar Centre wis oppent mair on 20 Julie 2010;

- the pairttakkin o Watterweys Airlan alang wi 17 partners frae 11 EU kintras, Norrowey an Serbie, in a EU INTERREG IVC (Athort-Nations Program) project cryed 'Watterweys Foerairt' (afoer Inlan Watterweys o Europ). As a pairt o the 3 yeir project Watterweys Airlan will pit on a forgaither o the 17 partner representars in laet 2011;
- progress anent the restoer o the Clones tae Heicher Loch Erne airt o the Ulster Canal. Wark anent the Strategic Environs Pruiw wis aa daen frae mid 2010 an wark anent the Environs Impact Pruiw in laet 2010. A leifer raa frae a technical/engineer pynt o view wis waelt out;
- progress anent the oncum o the Shannon Erne Watterwey an the oncums, as bes efter cumman aff, frae hit oppent mair, comprehendan the rebiggin o the oreiginal Ballinamore/Ballyconnell canal as the Shannon Erne Watterwey;
- the futur potential o the watterweys comprehendan economic hefts tae the haemlie commontie, bytym industrie, tourism industrie an the economie;
- the restoer o the Royal Canal wis aa by at the end o September, cleekan it aince mair wi the Shannon; an
- greeance o a nummer propertie dispoens relaet a reinge oncum propoens anent the watterweys.

# Language



Kerr tae richt: Caitríona Ruane MLA, Meinister for Leir, Pat Carey TD, Meinister for Commontie, Coequalitie an Gaeltacht Maiters an Nelson McCausland MLA, Meinister o Cultur, Airts an Leisur outby the new biggins o the North South Council o Meinisters Jint Secretariat.

**2.10.1** The Langage Curn taks in twa sindert agencries – The Earse Langage Agentrie/Foras na Gaeilge, an the Ulster-Scots Agentrie an its Buird. The Agentries forders the Earse langage an Ulster Scots langage an cultur, lyk. The Buird o the Langage Curn is taen on frae the NSCM. The Preses o Foras na Gaeilge is Mr Liam Ó Maoilmhichíl. The Preses o the Buird o the Ulster-Scots Agentrie wis Mr. John Hunter til 31t December 2010. Mr Ó Maoilmhichíl an Mr Hunter is jint Preses o the Langage Curn.

**2.10.2** The ar 15 ither members on the Buird o Foras na Gaeilge an 7 ither members on the the Buird o the Ulster-Scots Agentrie. Thir kythes in Annex Three. Mr Ferdie Mac a Fhailigh is the Heid Executive o Foras na Gaeilge an Ms Hazel Campbell is the Heid Executive (The Whyl) o Ulster-Scots Agentrie. Farder wittins kythes at [www.forasnagaeilge.ie](http://www.forasnagaeilge.ie) an [www.ulsterscotsagency.com](http://www.ulsterscotsagency.com)

**2.10.3** The NSCM forgaithert in Langage sector format on 26 Mey an 3 November in Armagh. Pat Carey TD, Meinister for Commontie, Coequalitie an Gaeltacht

Maiters, Nelson McCausland MLA, Meinister o Cultur, Airts an Leisur an Caitríona Ruane MLA, Meinister for Leir cam tae the baith forgaithers.

**2.10.4** The Council Meinisters taen in progress dins at thir forgaithers frae the Preses an CEOs o baith agencies. Heid oncums talkit ower comprehendit:

- the organa jint wirkin atween Foras na Gaeilge an the Ulster-Scots Agentrie comprehendan a wittins leaflet anent the Langage Curn, the throupit o the lectur series 'Aspects o our Shaert Heirship', comprehendan a new lectur anent the historie o the leids;
- the innin frae the Ulster-Scots Agentrie o a new Commontie Wirkars Scheme for tae big up capacitie in commontie groups an ontak o admeinistrative wirkars on pairt-tym founs in 8 commontie an voluntar curns;

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- the oppenin o a new office frae Foras na Gaeilge in Gaoth Dobhair an furhset o a new Earse leid newspaper ilka seivenicht, Gaelscéal;
- the recommends o the owerleuk o the coer-siller curns taen on frae the Ulster-Scots Agentrie. The Council buid the Agentrie think on the best wey o cairiean out the implement o the recommends for tae mak siccar vailyie for siller an qualitie; an
- the owerleuk o the coer-siller curns taen on frae Foras na Gaeilge. The Council greed at, gan wi eneuch progress anent the implement o recommends a-winnan tae, Foras na Gaeilge cud gae on giean out siller for the whyl tae curns aye takkan on siller til the end o Mey 2011.

# Byordinar EU Programs



Kerr tae richt: Sammy Wilson MP, MLA, Meinister o Finance an Personnel, Margaret Ritchie MLA, Meinister for Social Oncum an Brian Lenihan TD, Meinister for Finance.

2.11.1 The mission o the SEUPB is the richtlie manage an implement o siller outgie programs awnan tae o the twa Governments an the Europ Union, ettilt at winnan tae social an economic impruivs for the fowk in Norlin Airlan an Airlan throu athort-mear, athort-nations an atween-regions jint wark. The Heid Executive o the SEUPB is Mr Pat Colgan.

2.11.2 The NSCM forgaithert in Byordinar Europ Programs sector format on 17 Februar in Dublin. Brian Lenihan TD, Meinister for Finance, Sammy Wilson MP, MLA, Meinister for Finance an Personnel an Margaret Ritchie MLA, Meinister for Social Oncum, cam tae this forgaither.

2.11.3 At the forgaither the Council taen in a progress din frae the Heid Executive anent the daeins o the Byordinar EU Programs Curn. Heid oncums talkit ower comprehendit:

- the steekin o the PEACE II an INTERREG IIIA Programs;

- progress anent the implement o the PEACE III an INTERREG IVA Programs a-dae wi the pruiw o applees an appruiv o projects. At the end o 2010 SEUPB gien appruiv tae 126 projects o €207m warth unner the PEACE III Program an siller outgie wis €57m. Thay gien appruiv tae 49 projects o €153m warth anaa unner the INTERREG IVA Program an siller outgie wis €38.15m;
- giean help tae projects in the North West (PEACE III an INTERREG IVA); giean help tae veictims an survyvars (PEACE III); giean a heft tae pairttakkin frae unnerrepresentit groups comprehendan the Protestant commontie (PEACE III); an comprehendan Scotlan (INTERREG IVA);
- concerns brocht up frae the fiev Haemlie Owerance Foundit Groups anent the appruiv o thair Monie-Yeir Ploys (MAPs) for INTERREG IVA wis a-leukan tae;

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- the wark o the SEUPB gaed on wi the facilitate o North-South pairttakkin in the INTERREG IV athort-nations an atween-regions programs. In 2010 SEUPB maed 44 project partners siccar athort the necessar programs; an
- SEUPB gaed on wi the communicate o the positive impacts o the EU Programs wi heich kenspekkil events, monie comprehendan Meinisters. Thir comprehendit a mukkil PEACE III Confeerance in Belfast an uphauld for East Mear Region wi the onpit o the Associe o Europ Mairches Yeirlie Confeerance in Dundalk an Newrie in October 2010.

# Traed an Business Oncum



Kerr tae richt: Danny Kennedy MLA, Meinister for Employ an Learnin, Arlene Foster MLA, Meinister o Enterprise, Traed an Invest, Europ Commeisionar Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, Batt O'Keeffe TD, Meinister for Enterprise, Traed an Innovate an Conor Murphy MP, MLA, Meinister for Regional Oncum

**2.12.1** The Traed an Business Oncum Curn, kent as InterTradeIreland, wis sat up for the niffer o wittins an coordinate o wark anent the traed, business oncum an relaet maiters in airts, whaur the twa admeinistrations pairticular grees hit wad be in thair lyk interest.

InterTradeIreland haes a Buird o 12 members taen on frae the NSCM. The Preses an Preses depute is Dr David Dobbin an Mr John Fitzgerald. The Buird members thenou kythes in the Annex Three. The Heid Executive o Tourism Airlan is Mr Liam Nellis. Farder wittins kythes at [www.intertradeireland.com](http://www.intertradeireland.com)

**2.12.2** The NSCM forgaithert in Traed an Business Oncum sector format in Armagh on 30 Juin an 12 November. Batt O'Keeffe TD, Meinister for Enterprise, Traed an Innovate, Arlene Foster MLA, Meinister o Enterprise, Traed an Invest an Conor Murphy MP, MLA, Meinister for Regional Oncum cam tae the baith forgaithers. Danny Kennedy MLA, Meinister for Employ an Learnin cam tae the November forgaither anaa for a colleague anent Jint wark anent Innovate.

**2.12.3** At the forgaithers, Meinisters taen in progress dins frae the Preses an Heid Executive anent the daeins o InterTradeIreland (ITI). This comprehendit:

- wittins anent InterTradeIrelands wark wi the business commontie for tae help wi the outgie o reed an access tae athort-mear traed an innovate programs for tae assist recuiverin. In the tym Januar 2010 tae Juin 2010, 1370 companies gat InterTradeIreland Athort-mear Business Wittins an Reed sairins, an 151 companies stairtan out InterTradeIreland Traed or Innovate projects. InterTradeIrelands average Return anent Invest athort its portfolio o Traed an Innovate Programs wis on target for 2010 at 8:1 an throu InterTradeIrelands daeins, 94 new jobs is a-settan furth in 2010 frae companies takkan pairt in its programs;
- the InterTradeIreland Quairterlie Business Monitor, at gies uissfu wittins anent the impact o economic oncum anent the private sector,

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the shaep o the receivar, an competitiveness mairters; an

- InterTradeIreland's work for the foder o jint wark anent innovate, comprehendan collaborative wark wi Enterprise Airlan an InvestNI an the successfu ITI 2010 Innovate Conference.

### JINT WARK ANENT INNOVATE

2.12.4 Europ Commeisionar Máire Geoghegan-Quinn cam tae the Traed an Business Oncum sector forgaither in November. This wis the first tym a Europ Commeisionar wis cam tae a NSCM forgaither. The Commeisionar buid hir fou uphauld an the assistin o her office tae thaim wantan tae win tae the challenges an mak uiss o the inlets as the Innovate Union initiative put foer. Meinisters gien a walcum an thanks tae Commeisionar Geoghegan-Quinn for hir bein thar at the forgaither, an leukit foer tae hir ongan uphauld anent the Innovate agenda.

2.12.5 At the forgaither a paper buskit frae InterTradeIreland anent Jint wark an Innovate wis gien tae Meinisters an the Commeisionar.

2.12.6 Meinisters gien a walcum tae the ongan success an oncum o the US-Airlan Leirin an Oncum Pairtnerie an athort-mear collaborative projects throu the EU FP7 Fraemwork Program. Thay taen tent at the war nou 7 successfu pairtnerie projects throu the US-Airlan Leirin an Oncum Pairtnerie, as haes a vailylie thegither o €12.5m/£15m an 33 successfu athort-mear collaborative projects throu the FP7 program. The heicher success raik o athort-mear collaborative projects wis taen tent o, an the Council talkit ower weys o biggan jint wirkin for tae mak mair o the inlets gien out frae the EU Fraemwork Program. It wis taen tent o at InterTradeIreland will pit graith ower pairticular for the upbig o collaborative pairttakkin an for tae bring on a ear alert seistem for potential FP7 propoens wirkan naurhaund wi Invest NI, Airlans National Uphauld Network for FP7, business an academia.

## ANNEX AE: List O NSCM Forgaithers In 2010

The buird ablo gies the NSCM forgaithers, as wis helt 2010:

<b>NSCM Forgaither</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Plenarie	5 Julie	Dublin
Agricultur	31 Mairch	Hillsborough
	13 October	Dublin
Leir	23 Juin	Warrenpynt
Environs	5 Mairch	Dublin
	20 October	Armagh
Halth an Meat Sauftie	2 Juin	Armagh
	10 November	Newrie
Tourism	16 Juin	Armagh
Transport	3 Mairch	Newrie
	20 October	Armagh
Aquacultur & Marine	31 Mairch	Hillsborough
	9 September	Armagh
Inlan Watterweys	26 Mey	Armagh
	3 November	Armagh
Langage	26 Mey	Armagh
	3 November	Armagh
Byordinar EU Programs	17 Februar	Dublin
Traed & Business Oncum	30 Juin	Armagh
	12 November	Armagh

## ANNEX TWA: North South Council O Meinisters Jint Secretariat

The North South Council o Meinisters (NSCM) is upheld frae a staundan Jint Secretariat wi wirkars frae amang members o the Norlin Airlan Ceivil Sairin an the Airis Ceivil Sairin. The Office o the First Meinister an First Meinister depute (OFMDFM) is the parent Department o the Norlin Airlan ceivil sairvants an the Department o Fremmit Daeins (DFA) is the parent Department o the Airis ceivil sairvants.

Mary Bunting is the Jint Secretar (North) an Anne Barrington is the Jint Secretar (South). Anne taen ower frae Tom Hanney in Julie 2010. The Jint Secretars Depute is Pat Donaghy (North) an Bill Nolan (South).

### FUNCTIONS

The functions o the Jint Secretariat comprehends:

- arryng o the schedule o Council forgaithers in differan formats;
- secure o afoer poleitical greeance tae agendas for forgaithers o the Council;
- buskin or commeisionin o paipers for forgaithers o the Council, comprehendan anent its work program;

- scrolls o Jint Communiqués an Records o Deceisions o the Council;
- communicate o deceisions o the Council an monitor o thair implement;
- scrolls o the yeirlie din anent whit bes organ in the Council;
- a channel o communicate wi Implement Curns;
- liaise, whaur necessar, throu the designate Department or Office in aither stewartrie, wi the Secretariat o the Brits-Airis Intergovernmental Conference, the Secretariat o the Brits-Earse Council an wi the North/South jnt parlamentar forum an undependan speirin forum whan sat up; an
- sic ither darg at the Council cud be wantan.

### SILLER OUTGIE

Wirkars costs bes wun tae frae OFMDFM an DFA. Aa ither costs associate wi the Jint Secretariat an the NSCM bes sindert between the twa admeinistrations. The cost o the rinnin o the Jint Secretariat in 2010 cam tae £2,509,457/€2,927,383 \*.

\* comprehends £818,884/€955,145 a-dae wi capital outfit costs associate wi new biggins.

## ANNEX THREE: North South Curns Buird Members

### MEAT SAUFTIE FORDER BUIRD BUIRD O REED

John Dardis (Preses)  
Cambell Tweedie (Preses depute)  
Ken Baird  
Lynn Ní Bhaoigheallain  
Joe Byrne  
Brian Cunningham  
Aoife Healy  
Susan Heraghty  
Neven Maguire  
Seamus Sheridan  
Con Traas  
Jane Wells

### NORTH SOUTH LANGUAGE CURN FORAS NA GAEILGE

Liam Ó Maoilmhichíl  
(Preses o Foras na Gaeilge/Jint Preses o An Foras Teanga)  
Eoghan Mac Cormaic (Preses depute)  
Áine Andrews  
Lucilita Breathnach  
Seanna Breathnach  
Adelaide Nic Cá尔thaigh  
Peter Gallagher  
Máiréad Nic Giolla Mhichíl  
Norman Henry (Gien Ower August 2010)  
Liam Kennedy  
Éamonn Kinch  
Marcus Mac Ruairí  
Dónal Ó Bearra  
Pádhraic Ó Biadha  
Diarmuid Ó Murchú  
Caoilfhionn Nic Pháidín

### ULSTER-SCOTS AGENTRIE

John Hunter  
(Preses o the Ulster-Scots Agentrie/Jint Preses o North South Langage Curn. Gien ower December 2010)  
Ian Adamson  
Tony Crooks  
Angela Graham  
William Humphrey (Gien ower Juin 2010)  
Hilary Singleton (Taen on Juin 2010)  
William Leathem  
Jacqui Reed  
Michael McLoone (Taen on Mey 2010)

### THE FOYLE, CAIRLINFORD AN AIRIS LICHTS COMMEISION

Tarlach O Crosain (Preses)  
Jacqui McConville (Preses depute)  
Enda Bonner  
Brendan Byrne  
John Byrne  
Denis Haughey  
Alan McCullough  
Joe Miller  
John Mulcahy  
Winston Patterson  
Thomas Sloan  
Jim Wilson

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### **THE TRAED AN BUSINESS ONCUM CURN**

David Dobbin (Preses)

John Fitzgerald (Preses depute)

Brendan Butler

Ray Doherty

Sean Gallagher

Jack Gilmour

Hugh Logue

Padraig MacLochlainn

Patricia McKeown

Dr Gerard O'Hare

Vincent Parker

Tom Scott

### **TOURISM AIRLAN LIMITED**

Hugh Friel (Preses)

Ciara Boyle (Preses depute)

Brian Ambrose

Howard Hastings

David Lyle

Robert Manson

Mandy Mairtin

Bill McGinnis

Moira McNamara

John Power

Shaun Quinn

Ann Riordan