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## Innin frae the Jynt Secretars

Bean Jynt Secretars we ar blythe settan this furth, the fort yeirle din o the North/South Council o Ministers (NSMC), takan in the yeir 2003.

The wark o the NSMC in the yeir wis affectit frae the ongan suspension o the Norlin Airlan Assemle, at cam in October 2002. Wi bringan in suspension, the Brits an Earse Governments greed, wi niffer o notes 19t Novemmer 2002, at '*Decisions of the North/South on policies and actions relating to the Implementation Bodies, Tourism Ireland Limited or their respective functions shall be taken by our two Governments. No new functions shall be conferred upon the Implementation Bodies.*' Thir arremgements wis for makan sicar at the Curns wad gae on wi the implement o thair public functions on the founs o 'case and maintenance', waitan on the restoration o the devolved government in Norlin Airlan.

Forby the arremgements for the North/South Curns decribed abuin, wark in 'airts for cooperation' (maitters whaur cooperation is taen foreairt frae curns thenou sindert in ilka jurisdiction) gaed on 2003 an the Din gies details o oncum in this airt, forby deliveran tangible benefits tae the baith pairts o the islan.

Ance mair, it wis our privilege wirkan wi our colleagues in the Jynt Secretariat for tae gie uphald tae the Ministers an help hauld up the efficient conduct o business. We commends the wirkars on the Secretariat for thair commitment in gan on giean out a qualitie sairvice in a complex an sweir environment.

In 2003 we wirk wi colleagues in the North/South Curns an Depairtments leukan tae mak sicar the heichmaist stauarts o public accountabilitie frae the North/South Curns, a-dae wi the finance an regulator obleegements as public-sector curns maun cum up tae, an the need for effective deliverie o the mandate gien thaim. Sae we pruiwed the wey we cud cum up tae the stauarts o best practice wi corporate governance o the Curns. A pairt o this process wis the upset o twa successfu seminars in Armagh forby a series follae-up forgaiters, an this wark tae uphaldan the heich stauarts o public-sector governance gaes on thedey.

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## Upset

1.1 The North/South Council o Ministers (NSMC) wis sat up Thursday 2t Decemmer 1999 wi the onset o the Brits/Earse Greeance o 8t Mairch 1999, at wis signed frae the Brits an Earse Govrenments wi pairt o the Greeance cam tae in the multi-pairtie negotiations in Belfast on the Guid Frydey, 10t Aprile 1998 ('the Greeance'). The Greeance allous at the North/South Council o Ministers will bring thegither thaim wi executive responsibilities in Norlin Airlan an the Earse Govrenment for tae bring on speirin, cooperation, an action athin the islan Airlan - comprehendan wi the implement on aa-islan an athort-mairch founds - anent maitters o mutual interest an athin the competence o ilka administration, North an South.

1.2 The NSMC comprehends ministers o the Norlin Airlan administration an the Earse Govrenment, wirkan thegither for tae tak fore cooperation atween the baith pairs o the islan for mutual benefit.

## Airts o Wark o the Council

1.3 The Greeance allowed at 12 subject airts or mair wad be identifeed for cooperation an implement. Cooperation anent sic airts wad be taen fore twa roads - sax or mair wi the new North/South Implement Curns, an sax ithers or mair wi curns thenou wirkan sindert in ilka jurisdiction cuman tae wirk thegither at an athort-mairch or aa-islan level.

1.4 The sax airts identifeed for thaim for taken fore cooperation frae the new North/South Implement Curns wis:

- Inlan Watterweys;
- Sautie o Meat;
- Trade an Business Oncum;
- Byordinar EU Programs;
- Langage (Earse an Ulster Scots); an
- Aquacultur an marine maitters.

Aspects o sax ither airts wis identifeed for thaim whaur cooperation wad be taen fore frae curns thenou sindert in ilka jurisdiction (cryed 'Airts for Cooperation'):

- Agricultur;
- Lear;
- Environs;
- Halth;
- Transport; an
- Tourism

1.5 The Earse an Brits Govrenments then faun tae greean anent the upset o North/South Curns on 8t Mairch 1999 ("the Implementation Bodies Agreement"). This sat out the functions an structur o the North/South Curns an the lyke arremgements applean tae thaim, an wis gien hamelle effect, North an South, frae the North/South Cooperation (Implementation Bodies) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 an the British-Irish Agreement Act 1999. Thegither, sic curns is cryed the North/South Curns, or juist "the Curns".

1.6 The 12 airts comprehends thae maitters the NSMC can tak decisions anent, frae greeance wi (a) policies for Implement sindert atween ilka jurisdiction an wi (b) policies an actions at an aa-islan an athort-mairch level for implement frae the Curns. Farder oncum o thir arremgements is aible frae greeance in the Council, an wi the pairticular endorsement o the Norlin Airlan Assemle an the Oireachtas, an bidean athin the competences an responsibilities o the baith administrations.

## The Formats o Council Forgaithers

1.7 The NSMC forgaithers in a wheen formats. Hit forgaithers in plenarie format wi the Norlin Airlan Executive delegation led frae the First Minister an First Minister Depute an the Earse Govrenment delegation led frae the Taoiseach an the Tanaiste. The darg o the plenarie is taken on owreview o cooperation on the islan an o the North/South institutions.

1.8 The NSMC forgaithers in Institutional Format anaa, wi the Norlin Airlan Executive representit frae the First Minister an First Minister Depute an the Earse Govrenment frae the Minister for Fern Affairs. The task o the Institutional Format is leukan owre institutional an athort-sector maitters, comprehendan maitters relate tae the European Union, an reddan onie disgreeance up.

1.9 The NSMC forgaithers in Sectoral Format for tae owresee cooperation in the greed 12 Airts or Sectors. At sic forgaithers, the Earse Govrenment is representit frae the minister wi responsibility for thon Sector, an the Norlin Airlan Administration frae twa ministers nominate frae the First Minister an First Minister Depute on athort-commontie founds, ane maist lyke the minister wi responsibility for the relevant sector athin the Executive. This gaes wi the need o the Greeance an the Northern Ireland Act 1998 at parttakin frae the Executive in the NSMC maun mak sicar athort-commontie comprehension.

## Suspension o the Norlin Airlan Assemle

1.10 Wi the suspension o the Norlin Airlan Assemle 14t October 2002, a greeance atween the UK an Earse Govrenments wis made an comprehendit a Niffer o Notes wi the date o 19t Novemmer 2002. This greeance allowed a mechanism for decisions tae be taen anent policies an actions relate tae the Curns an Tourism Ireland in the tyme o suspension o the Assemle. Interim procedurs haes been put in frae the NSMC Jynt Secretariat for the cairriein out o

ministerial decisions, an the arremgements sat out in the Niffer o Notes atween the baith Govrenments applean.

## Functions o the Council

1.11 The Council cairries out a wheen functions gan wi Strand Twa o the Greeance. Thir wis sat out in the Greeance, ablo:

- Niffer o wittins, speirin for cooperation anent maitters o mutual interest athin the competence o the baith administrations, North an South;
- Uiss o the best endeavours for tae cum tae greeance anent the ontak o lyke policies in airts whaur thar a mutual athort-mairch an aa-islan benefit, athin the competence o the baith administrations, North an South, makan contermit efforts for tae owrecum onie want o greeance;
- Decisions frae greeance anent policies for sindert implement in ilka jurisdiction, in relevant meaninfu airts athin the competence o the baith administrations, North an South; an
- Decisions frae greeance anent policies an action at an aa-islan an athort-mairch level for implement frae the North/South Curns.

## North/South Curns

1.12 Ilkane o the sax North/South Bodies wirks on aa-islan founds. An haean a clear operational remit, aa o thaim wirks unner the owreaa direction o the NSMC, wi accountabilitie lines bak, no juist tae the Council, the Oireachtas an the Norlin Airlan Assemle, but tae the Finance an depairtments o government wi responsibility for thair fundin in ilka jurisdiction anaa.

The Curns is:

- **Waterways Airlan**
- **The Meat Sauttie Forder Buid (FSPB)**
- **The Byordinar EU Programs Curn (SEUPB)**
- **The Buid o Langage** (comprehendan twa Agentries, i.e. Foras na Gaeilge an the Buid o Ulster Scots); an
- **The Foyle, Carlingford an Earse Lichts Commission (FCILC)** (wi twa agentries, i.e. the Loughs Agentrie an the Lichts Agentrie, see blaud 14)

1.13 For thrie o the Curns - InterTradelreland, the Buid o Langage an the FCILC, the functions o ilka curn is cairried on frae a Buid taen on frae the NSMC. (Tho hit is nae Implement Curn, this is sae wi Tourism Ireland anaa.) A fort curn, the FSPB, haes a Buid o Redears, taen on frae the NSMC anaa, but the functions o the curn is taen on frae the Heid Executive. The tither twa curns, Waterways Airlan an the SEUPB, haes nae Buirds; ilkane haes its functions cairried on frae the Heid Executive.

1.14 Mair wittins anent the wark o the Curns kythes in Chapter 2.

### Airts For Cooperation

1.15 The maitters athin the Airts for Cooperation as wis greed for initial consideration frae the NSMC kythes ablo:

- **Lear:** lear for bairns wi byordinar needs (e.g. autism, hearin impairment), lear unnerachievement, dominie qualifications, an schuil/youth/dominie niffers;
- **Agricultur:** collogue anent Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) maitters, animal an plant halth policie an research, an oncum o rural airts;
- **Environs:** management o watter qualitie, management o waste in an athort-mairch context,

research intae fen o the environs, databases anent the environs, impact tae the environs o agricultur, an niffer o wittins/awaur o the environs;

- **Halth:** accident and emergency sairvices, ploys for muckle emergencies, heich technologie graith, cancer research, an halth forder;
- **Transport:** strategic ploys an raa/rail sauttie. An cooperation for the maist pairt a-dae wi raa/rail ploys, hit wad tak tent o maitters in the port/airport sector; an
- **Tourism:** the upset o a public-awned limited companie wis greed for tae mercat the islan Airlan in fremit launds as a destination for tourists.

1.16 Farder wittins anent the wark o the NSMC in thir airts kythes in Chapter 2.

### North/South Council o Ministers Jynt Secretariat

1.17 A staundin Jynt Secretariat, ats wirkars cums frae the Norlin Airlan Civil Sairvice an the Earse Civil Sairvice, uphalds the wark o the NSMC. Farder wittins anent the wark o the Secretariat kythes in Chapter 2.



This chapter gives an outline of the activities undertaken in each of the sectors 2003.

## Trade and Business Oncum Sector



### Trade and Business Oncum Curn - InterTradelreland

2.1.1 The Buird of InterTradelreland haes Dr Martin Naughton for a Preses, an the Preses Depute is Mr Barry Fitzsimons. The Heid Executive of InterTradelreland is Mr Liam Nellis. The memmers of the Buird kythes an Annex 5.

### Functions/Ettles

2.1.2 InterTradelrelands mission, at kythes in its Corporate Ploy 2002-2004, is "heidan up the oncum of the islan economie wi distinctive ken-foundit inpits, at will cum tae muckle outpits in the airts of athort-mairch trade an business oncum". Its owreaa ettle is the forder of North/South trade an business oncum. For tae win tae this, InterTradelreland is wirkan for tae bring on the abillie of businesses for tradean on aa-islan founds frae uppittan the stock ken an wittins nott frae business an policie makers, an wi makan better the flaw sic ken tae thaim as can uise it for tae create vailie.

2.1.3 Unner the owreaa policie airt of the NSMC, InterTradelreland wirks nearhaund wi the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, Belfast, the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Dublin, an wi the oncum agentries thenou, North an South.

2.1.4 InterTradelreland haes the ettle of enhancean enterprise competitiveness in a North/South context in sic airts as availabilitie of skeels, telecoms, IT an electronic commerce.

### Activities

2.1.5 In 2003 InterTradelreland haes delivert projects happan Trade Awaur, Trade Oncum, Business an Economic Research, Microenterprise Uphauld, Private Coequitie, Science an Technologie, Aa-Islan Benchmairkin, an Supplee Chain an Cluster Oncum.

### InterTradelrelands heid achievements in 2003 comprehends:

- The upset of 9 strategic aa-islan pairneries, happan industrial sectors, vairsities an economic oncum agentries. Thir comprehends Task Forces leukan at aa-islan Science an Technologie daeins.
- The upset of mair nor 60 technologie transfer projects comprehendan businesses an research institutes athort the islan, wi the FUSION project.
- The upset of unique facilities lyke the aa-islan Research an Oncum portal ([expertiseireland.com](http://expertiseireland.com)) at haes been wun tae wi collaboration wi the nine vairsities on the islan, the first aa-islan Seedcorn Competition (wi the InterTradelreland EquityNetwork project) an the aa-islan Public Procurement Portal ([go-source.com](http://go-source.com)) at bes a collaboration atween InterTradelreland, Enterprise Ireland, an Invest Northern Ireland.
- Giean direct finance uphauld tae pairticular companies leukan tae expand thair businesses aa-islan, wi the FOCUS an ACUMEN Projects.

- Giean finance, legal an mercat wittins tae mair nor 2,200 companies wi aa-islan seminars an the Curns Wittins Resource Centre.
- The forder of trade awaur an the upset of business inlets wi a program aa-islan awaurds an events along wi ither economic oncum curns, comprehendan the upset of the first muckle confearance leukan at Aa-Islan Competitiveness at a government policie level.
- The buskin an furthset of Business an Economic Research Dins lyke North/South Trade Statistics, Thriemondlie Trade an Production Monitors, Mercat Sector Dins an Case Studies. The focus of thir dins is describean the collaborative competitive advantages of wirkan in the context of an aa-islan economie an mercat.

2.1.6 2004 InterTradelreland will gae on prioritisean lyke cross-cuttan themes the oncum an facilitation of strategic relationships, networks an pairneries atween businesses an business representative curns, public-sector institutions an lear institutes for tae mak better the vailie of aa-islan trade an business oncum activitie.

2.1.7 Farder wittins anent InterTradelreland can be fund on the Curns wabsteid, [www.intertradeireland.com](http://www.intertradeireland.com).

## Sauftie o Meat Sector



### Meat Sauffie Forder Buirid

2.2.1 The Meat Sauffie Forder Buirid (FSPB) haes the heid ettle o the forder o meat sauffie, an uphauldan scientific cooperation atween institutions wirkan in thon field. Hit haes a buirid o redears o 12 memmers, taen on frae the NSMC. The Buirid haes Mr Bertie Kerr as its preses, the Preses Depute is Professor Charlie Daly. The Heid Executive o the FSPB is Mr Martin Higgins. The memmers o the Buirid kythes at Annex 5.

### Functions/Ettles

2.2.2 The FSPB wirks unner the brand identifeear '**safefood**' or in the Earse leid 'Biaslán', an comprehends thrie directorates - Scientific/Technical, Mercatin/Communications an Plannin/Resources. This structur maks sicar at the curn haes resources eneuch an the necessar uphauld is put in for tae bring on an implement the programs as uphaulds its remit an the realization o its mission.

2.2.3 FSPB cairries out its role wi publicitie campaigns, byordinar confeerances, an frae trainin an rede tae professionals an the owreaa public. Hit is comprehendit in

uphauldan North/South scientific cooperation anaa, an cleeks atween institutions wirkan in the field o meat sauffie - laboratories, statutory meat sauffie enforcement agentries an international an hamelie research curns. The oncum o cost-effective byordinar laborator pruiwin faas tae the Buirid anaa. The Buirid haes a role giean independent scientific pruiwin o meat sauffie maitters anaa. Athort-mairch cooperation atween curns wirkan in thir airts is at the mids o the wark o the Buirid.

### Activities

2.2.4 In the yeir, **safefood** faun tae the process o recruitment for nine wirkars, for tae get tae its initial appruived complement o thretie, an gat aa by wi the fittin out o a suboffice in Dublin at prior appruival haed been gien frae the NSMC.

2.2.5 The prioritie function o **safefood** is the forder o meat sauffie aa throu the meat chain, an for tae win tae acceptance at this bes a responsibilitie claucht atween industrie, retail/caterin/distribution sector, health wirkars an comsumears. The curns forder activities lippens tae richt scientific founds for action an a heid component here is the scientific program o research. 2003 **safefood** commissioned nine muckle research projects, thegither wi fyve postgrad research chiels. This brings tae 37 the nummer muckle projects gien siller.

2.2.6 A when research networks wis sat up for tae gie a forum for the niffer ken an ideas amang professionals forby. Giean inlets for pairnerie an collaboration is a critical element o the **safefood** strategie. The curn haes haen pairticular success wi bringan on cleeks atween laborators. Wi facilitatean collaborative wark programs, short-term wirkar mobility programs an seminars an workshops, scientific cooperation on the islan Airlan haes cam on richtlie. In Mey a muckle confeerance anent best practice wis helt jynt wi Excellence Ireland.

2.2.7 Meat sauffie is a complex an dynamic field an, wirkan wi its rede structur, **safefood** identifeed an leukit at a when daeins cuman fore. Thir comprehendit an owreview new an emergean pathogens, pruiwin o meat sauffie ken amang comsumears, an the need for harmonization o rede anent

cookin an storage temperatur. Alang wi ither public health curns, the Curn sat the outcums o a muckle telephone survey furth anent gastroenteritis on the islan.

2.2.8 Gan wi this when scientific warks, **safefood** haes used ither mechanisms for tae gauge public awaur an for tae identifee daeins o consarn. Septemmer an October, a series thrieteen public forgaithers wis helt at venues athort the islan. Heich-profile events the lyke o Food Safety Week an the RUAS Balmoral Shaws in Norlin Airlan, the Young Scientist Exhibition in Dublin, thegither wi a when mair byordinar seminars, lat the Curn hae a collogue wi a braid reinge audiences.

2.2.9 A cornerstone o the **safefood** communications program 2003 wis a multimedia advertisein campaign ettlet at makan better awaur o hygiene, wi pairticular emphasis tae weshin the haunds. For tae mak sicar at the advertisein program wis raxan out tae the tairget audiences an haean the richt effect, trackin research wis commissioned for tae facilitate evaluation o the program. The advertisein campaign wis eikit tae frae a proactive ploy o communications anent scientific oncum an furthsets.

2.2.10 **safefood** made an inpit tae the Braidcastin Commission Airlan anent the advertisein o meat tae bairns, an haes tae dae wi Food Standards Agency anent relate policies in the UK.

2.2.11 The curns Scheme o Coequalitie wis appruived 2003.

2.2.12 Tairgetin o social need an social inclusion is heid factors for makan public health better wi meat sauffie an nutrition initiatives. 2003 wis the upset o the "Daicent Meat for Aa" project in the Dungannon/Armagh airts, at **safefood** gien the maist fek siller for. This project will be leukit owre for tae pruiw, cud this novel approach be used for a template a-dae wi ither commontie-foundit initiatives.

2.2.13 Farder wittins anent **safefood** can be fund at the Curns wabsteid, [www.safefoodonline.com](http://www.safefoodonline.com).

## Aquacultur an Marine Sector



### Foyle, Carlingford an Earse Lichts Commission

2.3.1 The NSMC forgaithers in the Aquacultur an Marine Sector for tae tak decisions anent policies an action for a-implemantan frae the Foyle, Carlingford an Earse Lichts Commission (FCILC).

2.3.2 The Implement Curns Greeance allous at FCILC cairries out its functions wi twa agentries. The functions o the Commission anent the Foyle an Carlingford Airts is carriet out frae the Loughs Agentrie (pairt o its remit is a-dae wi whit wis the Foyle Fisheries Commission). The Implement

Curns Greeance allous anaa at FCILC be the Owreaa Lighthouse Owreance for the islan Airlan. This function is wi the Commissionars o Earse Lichts thenou, as haes lines o accountabilitie tae the UK Depairtment o Transport, Local Govrenment an the Regions, wirkan lyke a trustee o the Owreaa Lighthouse Fund. Brits an Earse legislation is a-needan for the Curn tae cum the Owreaa Lighthouse Owreance for the islan Airlan an thae functions is for a-cairrean out wi an agentrie o FCILC kent as the Lichts Agentrie. At its Plenarie Forgaiter 28 Juin 2002, but, the NSMC, efter thinkan on the provisions for the transfer o the functions thenou a-carrean out frae the Commissionars o Earse Lichts, kent at complex daeins gaed on around sicna

transfer an speirt at the relevant Ministers an Depairtments, North an South, wad thar be ither weys an wad thay bring bak propones tae the Council strecht aff. This maitter is for a-takan foreairt efter the restoration o devolved govrenment tae Norlin Airlan.

2.3.3 FCILC haes a Buid wi 12 memmers, taen on frae the NSMC, at taks the functions o the Curn anent the Foyle an Carlingford Airts wi the Loughs Agentrie. The Buid haes Mr Peter Savage for its Preses, an the Preses Depute is the Lord Cooke o Islandreagh. The Heid Executive o the Loughs Agentrie is Mr Derick Anderson. The memmership o the Buid kythes in Annex 5.

### Loughs Agentrie

#### Functions/Ettles

2.3.4 FCILC wis gien responsibilitie, at hit taks on wi the Loughs Agentrie, for the functions o the Foyle Fisheries Commission 2 Decemmer 1999. Thir functions - "the uphould, fen an impruvement o the fisheries o the Foyle Airt" - wis taen owre tae the Carlingford Airt forby.

2.3.5 Forby, wi the Agentrie, FCILC haes responsibilitie for the forder an oncum o the Lough Foyle an Carlingford Lough for commercial an recreational ettles in the airt o marine fisherie an aquacultur maitters, the oncum o marine tourism, an the oncum an licensin o aquacultur in the Foyle an Carlingford airts.

2.3.6 The founds o FCILC, wi the Agentrie, unnertakan this fou reinge responsibilitie, wad be the amendment o the primarie legislation at the Foyle Fisheries Commission daen its wark unner - Foyle Fisheries Act 1952, an Foyle Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1952 - is a-buskan frae the Depairtment o Communications, Marine an Natur Resources an the Depairtment o Agricultur an Landart Oncum.

#### Activities

2.3.7 Twa new memmers wis taen on tae the Buid o FCILC in the yeir. Ms Jacqui McConville taen owre frae Ms Sheila Tyrell, an Mr Tarlach O Crosain taen owre frae Mr Arthur Morgan. The Buid forgaiter sax tymes in the yeir an gaed on wi the oncum o programs an strategies for tae win tae its responsibilitie unner the Implement Curns Greeance. The Buid is committit tae the deliverie o thir responsibilitie wi pairtnerie an speirin, an for tae dae siclyke the Foyle Carlingford Forum o Rede forgaiter fyve tymes unner the leadership o its Preses Mr Pat McLaughlin, its Preses Depute Mr Eamon Mullan, an its secretar Mr Gary Neill. Hit leukit owre daeins baith in Focus Curn Format an in the braider Forum.

2.3.8 The Agentries interpretive lear an wittins facilitie "Riverwatch" cam fou operational in the yeir, wi mair nor 6000 visitants tae the Centre. The outreach program wis ettlet forehand at schuilbairns, for tae generate interest, bring fore ken an "awnarship" o the resources o the Loughs an thair catchments. This prived gey successfu wi sic initiatives as "Adopt a Burn", "Alevin Release" an "Hatchin in the Classroom".

2.3.9 Wark is gan on for finalisean the Bills for tae amend the Foyle Fisheries Acts for tae hae the responsibilitie for aquacultur an shellfisheries unnertaen frae FCILC wi the Agentrie. The buskin o ploys an propones for the regulation, management, forder an oncum o thir importan an vailyable fisheries til best sustainabilitie gaes on.

2.3.10 The experiences o ither sic fisheries in Europe, the USA an Canada wis presentit at a warkshop "Managein Shellfish for Sustainabilitie" in the Newrie in Mey, at mair nor 100 stakehouldars cam tae. A lyke warkshop gaed aff in Derrie in Decemmer anent the "Management o Saumon for Sustainabilitie". Again experiences frae Airlan, GB, Canada, Finlan an Icelan wis gien tae an audience o 120 anglars an netsmen, an thir generatet constructive debates an collogue.



2.3.11 The saumon rins bak tae the Foyle wis excellent ance mair. An a lang dry tyme in the simmer an hairst hinneran anglin activitie, eneuch saumon muived intae the fresh watter for tae bring on an ae-week extension tae commercial fisherie saison lyke 2002 but.

2.3.12 The oncum o the recreational fisheries o the airts muived foreairt in twathrie weys. Regulations wis put in for tae simplifee an harmonise the anglin licence regime, for tae encourage mair visitant or tourist anglars tae the islan. The Agentrie, wi the help o anglin experts frae GB, taen on extensive surveys o the Loughs for tae wirk out thair abilltie for oncum, an kenspeckle quantities o bass, tope, sea trout an ither species wis identifeed athin the Agentries airts o responsibillie.

2.3.13 Wi a lyke ettle, an biggan on the Audit o Fisheries-foundit Recreation an Leisur Resources aa daen fernyeir, a fyve-yeir Oncum Ploy for recreational fisheries wis commissioned an aa daen in the yeir. The Agentrie will gie this a formal launch 2004.

2.3.14 This methodologie is a-appleean the Marine Tourism Sector anaa, an the Agentrie, in pairtnerie wi the Northwest Region Athort-Mairch Curn an the East Border Region Curn haes brocht on propones for an audit o the marine tourism resources in the baith airts.

2.3.15 Farder wittins anent the Loughs Agentrie can be fund on the Curns wabsteid [www.loughs-agency.org](http://www.loughs-agency.org).

## Byordinar EU Programs Sector



### Byordinar EU Programs Curn

#### Functions/Objectives

2.4.1 1999 the Byordinar EU Programs Curn (SEUPB) taen owre responsibillie for the management o the 1994-1999 roun o the EU Structur Funds Programs, as wis taen on frae the Depairtment o Finance an Personnel in the North an Depairtment o Finance in the South afore. This responsibillie comprehendit the sneekin o thae Programs gin 31t Mairch 2003. The SEUPB cam the Managein Authority for the PEACE II an INTERREG IIIA Programs anaa, wi responsibillie for the monitor o performance o the North/South elements o the

ither Commontie Initiative Programs (LEADER+, EQUAL an URBAN II). The SEUPB haes responsibillie for the monitor an forder o the implement o cooperation atween the baith pairts o Airlan throu the terms o the Common Chapter, at bes an integral pairt o the National Oncum Ploy for Airlan an the Norlin Airlan Structur Funds Program. Ms Nuala Kerr is the Heid Executive (The Whyle) o the SEUPB.

#### Activities

2.4.2 2003 wis a challengean an gey thrang yeir for the SEUPB an for the PEACE II an INTERREG IIIA Programs. SEUPB gat appruival for tae tak mair wirkars on athin its

nummers thenou, an unnertaen an extensive program recruitment in the last monds o the yeir. Ein wi this, the Curn cam tae monie wark challenges unner the ongan pressur o want o wirkars. Hit incorporatet Corporate Governance best practice intae its seistem o administration, an rowed out the Heid Payments Unit for tae wark at fou capacitee. The Curns Scheme o Coequalitie wis appruived Juin 2003.

2.4.3 The heid focus for the PEACE II Program wis makan sicar at the finance tairgets for takan doun siller sat frae the EU Commission, near aye cryed N+2, wis wun tae for 2003. Fower monitor comatee forgaithers wis helt an the Curn wis importan tae gan on wi a process o simpliferaan the application, monitor an evaluation o the Program for tae mak better transparencie.

2.4.4 A series PEACE II roadshows haen thair launch ahort the eligible airt Aprile an cam tae an end Juin. Thir events made curns an Implement Curns aible for cuman thegither for tae leuk at the wey the Program wis a-bringan on, an forgaither wi heich-up memmers o the Curn.

2.4.5 Efter collogues anent wi the House o Commons Norlin Airlan Affairs Comatee, the commontie an volutar sector an the responsible deapartments, the Curn heidit up forgaithers o a 60-Dey Action Team at dealt pairticular wi farder simplifications tae the PEACE II Program. The outcums o this Action Team initiative haen thair launch 10t Decemmer at a conferance in Belfast at taen in owre 200 pairttakars, comprehendan memmers o fundit projects an Implement Curns.

2.4.6 A suite furthsets, comprehendan Sairvice Staunarts for the Program, haen thair launch at the event anaa. The furthsets gies apen guidance anent whit bes a-needan frae Implement Curns, an whit thay can get frae SEUPB.

2.4.7 A mair proactive publicitie campaign wis put fore at cam tae positive happin an better relations wi the media.

2.4.8 Gin Decemmer 2003, €600 million wis committit an mair nor 3000 projects wis winnan frae the PEACE II Program.

2.4.9 The INTERREG IIIA Program made the first outgie o siller tae projects an a forgaither o selection Juin. The importanmaist darg wis the oncum an implement o the Program procedurs, an makan sicar aa meisurs for siller outgie wis apen.

2.4.10 Braid 2003 INTERREG IIIA haen visits tae a when locations in the eligible airt wi a wittins roadshow, thegither wi the formal launch o the INTERREG IIIA Implement Agents, the lyke o ICBAN, ESB an NWRCB.

2.4.11 Gin the end 2003, near €58 million haed been committit an a total o 242 applications taen in INTERREG IIIA haes the challenge o N+2 2004 wi a finance outgie tairget o €44 million.

2.4.12 SEUPB gaed on wi its commitment tae the ither Commontie Initiatives wi the pairttakin o the Director o Commontie Initiatives in a heich-profile URBAN II Conferance helt Hairst 2003, an wi the ongan owresicht o this an ither programs.

2.4.13 Mair wittins anent SEUPB can be fund on the Curns wabsteid [www.seupb.org](http://www.seupb.org).

## Langage Sector

### Buirid o Langage

#### Functions/Ettles

2.5.1 The Buirid o Langage is an aefauld Curn for the NSMC, but comprehendan twa sindert agentries - Foras na Gaeilge an the Ulster-Scots Agentry.

2.5.2 The Preses o Foras na Gaeilge an the Preses o the Ulster-Scots Agentry is jynt Preses o the Buirid o Langage. Maighread Ui Mhairtin is the Preses o Foras na Gaeilge. 2003 the Lord Laird wis Preses o the Ulster-Scots Agentry. The Curn haes a Buirid o 24 memmers taen on frae the NSMC. A list memmers an thair agentries kythes at Annex 5.



### Foras na Gaeilge

#### Functions/Ettles

2.5.3 Throu Foras na Gaeilge the Curn haes responsibility for the forder o the Earse leid on aa-islan founds.

2.5.4 Forby takan owre the functions o Bord na Gaeilge, the Curn wis gien a braid reinge functions for tae eik tae its effectiveness, an forderan the Earse. For ensample, in the airt o lear, dictionars an terminologie, hit taen responsibility for the Terminologie Comatee an taen owre the functions o An Gum.

2.5.5 Maighread Uí Mhairtín is Preses Preses o Foras na Gaeilge an thar 15 iother memmers o the Buid, as haes responsibility for the functions o the Curn throu Foras na Gaeilge (see Annex 5). Seosamh Mac Donncha is the Heid Executive.

#### Activities

2.5.6 Activities taen on frae Foras na Gaeilge throu the yeir comprehendit:

- Siller outgie for mair nor 20 Earse-leid curns, North an South, forby substantive projects an puckle mints;
- Sponsor for a wheen projects, the lyke o the Aa-Islan Camogie Final in the Croke Park, Feile an Phobail in Belfast, Ros na Run on TG4 an the Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann Macalla na hEireann aa-islán tour;
- In the airt o furthsettin, Foras na Gaeilge gien siller for Foinse, La, Comhar, Feasta, An tUltach, [www.beo.ie](http://www.beo.ie), an sat 11 outgies o its ain newspaper SAOL furth forby;
- The Earse-Leid Oncum Officer scheme gaed on athin local authorities, halth buirds an in the Braidcastin Commission o Airlan in pairtnerie wi Foras na Gaeilge;
- Research wis commissioned anent attitudes tae the Earse Leid, North an South;
- Jynt siller outgie o CCEA post wis greed for tae help wi makan the new primarie-level syllabus ansuerable for the Earse-medium sector;
- Wirkan wi an giean rede tae NCEA anent the Earse leid syllabus as a pairt o the initiative "Leids in the Primarie Curriculum";
- Earse-Medium Resource Unit, Belfast, gien grant aid for tae set a series new textbeuks for first-level curriculum furth;
- Pilot o a multimedia storietellan project in first-level schuils, North an South;

- Pilot o project for tae facilitate transition o pupils in first-level schuils tae Earse-medium secundar schuils, North an South;
- Oncum an furthset (alang wi the privat sector) o computer software courses for tae learn the Earse;
- Siller outgie tae Comhairle na Gaelscolalochta Strategic Oncum Ploy gaed on (alang wi the Depairtment o Lear);
- The contract for Pairt Ae o the Inglis-Earse Dictionar Project wis signed an wark begoud. Pairt Ae is the technical an plannin pairt o the project an is for a-finishan October 2004. Ae hunner fou sample inpits for the prent an electronic versions o the dictionar is for a-giean out gin the end o this pairt, forby the technical an wark templates for the finishin o the project;
- Outgie o near 80 individual furthsets comprehendan primarie an post-primarie lear resources, textbeuks, digital material, leid reference material an readin material for young fowk;
- The first package o leid resource material wis sat furth for Junior Infants as a pairt o the jynt project frae Foras na Gaeilge an the Depairtment o Lear an Science relate tae the lear resources for the lear o the Earse in Earse-medium primarie schuils an Gaeltacht primarie schuils in the South;
- Successfu warkshops in bilingual lexicographie wis sat up in Dublin an Galway for tae train potential lexicographers an owresetters for the Dictionar Project;
- Owre 3500 terminological speirins wi dealt wi, an 1700 new terms or terminological phrases wis gien sanction an sat furth in the mondlie journal, Comhar;
- New material wis sat furth on the Wabsteid [www.acmhainn.ie](http://www.acmhainn.ie), comprehendan the Earse-Inglis side o the new Dictionar o Literarie Criticism, an expandit an updatet version o Woodward Terms, an a grammatical screed comprehendan the new recommends o An Coiste Tearmalochta anent lenition an inflection in sartin circumstances;

- A trail version o the CD o Terminologie, comprehendan 9 dictionars, wis sat furth Novemmer;
- 3 new Unnercomatees wis sat up (in the airts o Lear, Business an Hame Economics) an haes been forgaittheran mondlie;
- Ais (the beuk hailsale division o Foras na Gaeilge) haen total sales o €1,064,177 2003, an uppit o 4.36% tae the yeir afore. 147 new Earse-leid furthsets wis eikit the stock list 2003;
- In pairtnerie wi the Ulster-Scots Agentrie an the Brits Council (Belfast an Dublin), An Foras sat up a symposium cryed "Leid an Laa in Norlin Airlan" at wis helt at the Pairlament Biggins, Stormont, 20-21 Februar, at the invitation o the Minister wi responsibility for Cultur, the Airts an Leisur, Angela Smith MP.
- Owre 150 projects relate tae the airts - airts fests, film-makin, the visual airts, storie-tellin an mime, drama an puppetrie, sean-nos singin - wis gien uphald an sponsored athort the islan;

- Trainin warkshops for creative writears, actors, directors an sean-nos singars wis daen athort the islan, sat up an upheld frae Foras na Gaeilge; an
- Owre 25 translation agentries an projects relate tae the oncum o software, wabsteids an terminologie wis gien grant aid.

2.5.7 Farder wittins anent Foras na Gaeilge can be fund on the Agentries wabsteid, [www.forasnagaeilge.ie](http://www.forasnagaeilge.ie).



## Ulster-Scots Agentrie

### Functions/Ettles

2.5.8 Thru the Ulster-Scots Agentrie the Curn haes responsibility for the forder o mair awaur an uiss o Ullans an o Ulster-Scots cultur daeins, baith athin Norlin Airlan an athort the islan.

2.5.9 The Lord Laird o Airtygarvan wis Preses o the Ulster-Scots Agentrie 2003 an thar 7 itherr memmers o the Buid o the Curn as haes responsibility for the functions o the Curn. The Heid Executive o the Agentrie is Mr George Patton.

### Activities

2.5.10 The 2003 Business Ploy for the Ulster-Scots Agentrie gaes wi the Agentries Corporate Ploy 2002-2004 an is for implementan the Agentries Mission Statement "forderan the studie, uphauld, oncum an uiss o the Ulster Scots as a leevan leid, encouragean an bringan on the fou reinge o its attendant cultur an forderan unnerstaundin o the historie o the Ulster Scots". Tae this end, the Agentrie taks advantages o inlets for tae forder the Ulster-Scots leid, cultur an historie athort the islan Airlan.

2.5.11 The Agentrie gaes on pittan focus tae fouwer strategic themes - Linguistic Oncum, Cultur, Lear an Public Awaur o Ulster Scots. The Business Ploy defines the program wark at owresets sic themes intae action, an gies an outline o the resources, ettles, heid deliverables, tairgets an associate impact.

2.5.12 2003 seen the end o material for Key Stages I an II in primarie schuils frae the Ulster-Scots Project Team at Stranmillis Vairsitie College. Wark is begoud on the buskin o materials for uiss in secundar schuils, an on an Adult Leid Project, anaa.

2.5.13 The Agentrie gaes on wi the implement o its remit in giean finance uphauld thru its grants scheme tae a braid reinge o commontie curns as engages in Ulster-Scots activities. 2003 the Agentrie gien a total o 305 grants tae 148 curns.

2.5.14 Mairch 2003 seen the launch o whit bes cam tae be the Agentries successfu wabsteid. This oncum haes haen a heid role in the Agentries strategic ploy for pittan up public awaur. The ongan furthset o the Ulster-Scots newspaper an the outgie o blaudies anent fowk an events in Ulster-Scots historie haes haen a positive impact anaa.

2.5.15 The Agentrie taen on its first staundin wirkars in the course o the yeir an, an walcuman this oncum, tribute maun be gien thaim as made sicar the Agentrie gaed on wirkan aither on secondment or in a temporar capacite.

2.5.16 Farder wittins anent the Ulster-Scots Agentrie can be fund on the wabsteid, [www.ulsterscotsagency.com](http://www.ulsterscotsagency.com).

## Inlan Watterweys Sector



### Watterweys Inlan

#### Functions/Ettles

2.6.1 Watterweys Airlans primarie function is the management, uphaul, oncum an restoration o particular inlan navigable watterweys seistems athort the islan, owreaa for recreational ettles. Watterweys Airlan haes responsibility for the navigation seistems as kythes in 2.6.2, as wis unner the owreance o the Department o Commonitie, Landart an Gaeltacht Affairs in the South an the Department o Agricultur an Landart Oncum in Norlin Airlan afore.

2.6.2 The seistems as kythes abuin is: the Shannon-Erne Watterwey, the Erne Seistem, the Grand Canal, the Barrae Navigation, the Nether Bann Navigation, the Royal Canal, an the Shannon Navigation.

2.6.3 Watterweys Airlan maun tak fore farder studies an appraisals relate tae the aible restoration o the Ulster Canal.

2.6.4 The Curn operates in thrie regions: Norlin, Eastren, an Wastren.

2.6.5 The Heid Executive o Watterweys Airlan is Mr John Martin.

#### Activities

2.6.6 2003 wis anither milestane in the commitment o Watterweys Airlan for tae set a unique environs up for aa inlan watterweys uisears.

2.6.7 Frae an operation pynt o view, the recreation an uisear facilities on the watterweys gaed on a-enhancean. Laundin jetties wis sat up at locations on the Royal Canal, the Barrae Navigation, the Grand Canal an the Nether Bann. Ither projects comprehendit embankment reconstruction at Begnagh Bog on the Royal Canal an bank fen wark on the Grand Canal. On the Shannon Navigation, floatan moorins at Shannonbrig apened 25t Juin, an on the Shannon-Erne, access warks tae the riverbank wi stabilisation o the bank structur at Mullanwary wis cairriet out.

2.6.8 Wark gaed on wi twa muckle projects - at Ballyleague Harbour, Roscommon for tae createa 32-berth marina, for a-apenan Juin 2004; an in Scarriff Harbour for tae extend the quay waa thar thenou, an gie jetties near the toun mids, for a-apenan Aprile 2004.

2.6.9 Speirins gaed on wi thaim wi an interest an the plannin authorities on the Shannon anent the design an natur o warks at Portrunny, Barley an Garrykennedy harbours. The restoration warks on the Royal Canal gaed on wi feasibility studies an negotiations aa daen anent the biggin o fouwer brigs the lenth o the canal.

2.6.10 Anent manlie resources, Watterweys Airlan taen up an exercise o recruitment for tae fill 21 appruived posts. This cam tae 21 expressions interest. The trainin needs analyses, procurment o trainin, an the outgie o in-house trainin. Oncum o manlie resources policies an procedurs gaed on, an thenou interim policies is put in afore farder speirins.

2.6.11 The Finance Division gaed on wi the oncum o finance procedurs wi a scroll o buyin procedurs sat furth. 2003 seen the implement o cash reportin for the sponsor departments an the inpit o finance management reports anaa.

2.6.12 Wark tae the Watterweys Airlan Corporate Ploy for 2005-2007 begoud Decemmer, an policie oncum gan on wi wark on Houseboats, Vacant Proprietie an Onshore Facilities. The Scheme o Coequalitie, appruived frae the NSMC 2002, wis implementit wi the roweout o awaur trainin for wirkars an the oncum o a process for the screenin o policie.

2.6.13 Efter public speirin forgaiters, thegither wi inpit frae wirkars an management, tourism, recreation/interest curns an customars o Watterweys Airlan, the Watterweys Airlan Mercatin an Forder Strategie wis taen on late 2003. This haen the ettles o the forder o mair uiss o the watterweys, wirkan in pairtnerie wi ither curns, an biggan a platform for upheld mercat oncum.

2.6.14 Mercatin activitie in the yeir comprehendit pairttakin in the IMF Dublin Boat Shaws an the Airlan Anglin Shaws; forby sponsorship o anglin, sailin an rowin events on the Erne Seistem, the Shannon, the Shannon-Erne, the Royal an Grand Canals an the Nether Bann. A series brochurs anent ilkane o the seven watterweys unner the remit o the curn wis sat furth for tae pit fore the character, navigation an activities on ilka watterwey. 2003 seen the furthset o the first "What's On", wi the events gan on along the seven watterweys kythean in it.

2.6.15 The yeirlie Watterweys Airlan wirkars confereance gaed aff in Cowlrain Novemmer, an 130 wirkars cam tae it, thegither wi representars o the sponsor departments an the Jynt Secretariat o the NSMC. Apened frae Mayor o Cowlrairie Cllr Stewart, the theme o recreation on the watterweys wis leukit owre. The when taakars frae Airlan an the UK gien presentations tae the confereance.

2.6.16 A wirkars newsletter wis brocht in frae the curn 2003. Editors owreance wis gien a voluntar comatee, an twa outgies o the newsletter wis sat furth.

2.6.17 Farder wittins anent Watterweys Airlan can be fund on the Curns wabsteid: [www.waterwaysireland.org](http://www.waterwaysireland.org).

## Tourism Sector



### Tourism Ireland

2.7.1 The NSMC in this sector oversees the work of Tourism Ireland, the public-owned limited company that has responsibility for marketing the island of Ireland as a tourist destination. The Company has a Board of 12 members drawn from the NSMC (see Annex 5). The President of the Company is Mr Andrew Coppel and the Deputy is Ms Ann Riordan. The Chief Executive is Mr Paul O'Toole.

### Activities

2.7.2 In view of challenging circumstances (SARS and the war in Iraq), 2003 was an end year for the tourism industry on the island of Ireland, with an estimated 4.5% - 5% growth in all-Island visitor numbers for the year, a forecasted growth of 8.3% or more in Northern Ireland, and an approximate 4% increase in visitors to the island of Ireland.

2.7.3 Overall in 2003, the island of Ireland had a significant increase in market share in both a global and European context, over high traditional holiday destinations such as GB, France and Spain.

2.7.4 Particular, there was a marked growth in numbers of visitors from mainland Europe, followed by a welcome recovery in the North American market. Visitor numbers from GB, the island of Ireland's biggest source market, are estimated to be up 4.5%.

2.7.5 After a strategic and comprehensive planning process undertaken by Tourism Ireland, the Northern Ireland Tourist Board, Bord Fáilte (now Fáilte Ireland), and the tourism industry, Tourism Ireland's 2003 consumer market has its focus on:

- Identify and leverage the markets as seen in the best prospect for growth, then identify and target the strategic and tactical segments within these markets;
- Provide the best way for visitors to experience the benefits of a holiday on the island of Ireland to their potential customers; and
- Work out the appropriate marketing mix for each segment.

2.7.6 Using the marketing mix and sales approach, Tourism Ireland's 19 direct market offices undertake a broad range of on-the-line and off-the-line marketing activities, for the answer to each market, including the UK (e.g. GB, North America, France and Germany), on-cum (e.g. Australia, Italy and the Netherlands) or emerging (e.g. Spain, the Nordics and Japan).

2.7.7 On-the-line activities include a global advertising campaign, television, print and radio; an off-the-line activity including direct marketing campaigns and familiarisation trips for international tour operators. There was an extensive publicity campaign, which brought journalists from all over the world to the island of Ireland, so as they could take a look at the benefits of a holiday in Ireland for themselves.

2.7.8 Tourism Ireland implemented the most extensive ever Winter/Winter campaigns 2003 in high direct markets. The campaigns were aimed at maximising business inlets for the year-end and to give a boost to business for 2004. The €8 million program, the biggest ever, had its focus over all of GB, North America, France and Germany, where market intelligence put forward the best return on investment in the short term.

2.7.9 2003, Tourism Ireland went on with its commitment to the upholding of the realisation of Northern Ireland's tourism potential. For example, the 'North by Northwest' campaign, which started in 2003, brought Tourism Ireland with its travel partners for the first time to include holidays to Northern Ireland and Northwest Ireland. Ferry companies, airlines, tour operators and accommodation outlets work with Tourism Ireland to encourage visitors to spend a little longer with their guests by offering special offers.

2.7.10 At the end of 2003, two more years were set out as the next marketing targets for the growth and success of tourism in the common year - in the South, the Director of the Tourism Policy Review Group; and in Northern Ireland, the Director of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board Tourism Strategy Group.

2.7.11 Tourism Ireland is committed to its role in giving the upholding of industry enterprises will be needed for the realisation of the tourism potential of the island of Ireland.

2.7.12 Tourism Ireland has set out its plan for 2004, which is to increase all-Island visitor numbers by 4.4% in this year to more than 7.7 million, with the target for Northern Ireland at 6.9%.

2.7.13 Tourism Ireland will go on with its focus on the most effective use of its resources in GB, North America, France and Germany. The GB market is set to grow 3.5%, mainland Europe 5.8%, and North America 6.6% in 2004.

2.7.14 2004 Tourism Ireland will go on working with the industry to build on the upturn in visitor numbers and capitalise on the on-cum inlets.

2.7.15 Further information about Tourism Ireland can be found at the Company's website [www.tourismireland.com](http://www.tourismireland.com).

## Heid Executives



Kythean, left tae richt:  
Liam Nellis, John Martin, Peter Smyth, Nuala Kerr,  
Paul O'Toole, Tim O'Connor, Derick Anderson, Seosamh  
Mac Donncha, Martin Higgins an George Patton.

## Lear Sector

2.8.1 The aspects o North/South cooperation in Lear greed for initial thinkin on frae the NSMC wis lear for bairns wi byordinar needs; lear unnerachievement; lear qualifications; an schuil, youth an dominie niffers.

### Activities

2.8.2 For tae gae foreairts, a when Jynt Wirkin Curns wis sat up. Tho thar wis nae formal forgaiters o the Lear Sector 2003, the Wirkin Curns gaed on forgaitheran an cairrean fore the wark the NSMC haed gien thaim afore. This is cam tae muivement foreairts athin the airts designate, as kythes ablo.

### Schuil, Youth, an Dominie Niffer Wirkin Curn

#### North/South Niffer Consortium

- The NSMC upheld the ettle o the Lear Depairments, North an South, for tae gae on wirkan at the propone at a consortium o public-sector curns be sat up for tae impruive the weys athort-mairch schuils, youth an dominie niffers bes managed an facilitatet.
- An it no aible for tae gae on wi the fou upset o a jynt North/South deliverie agentrie for tae manage athort-mairch schuils, youth, youth wirkar an dominie niffers, an interim arreignement haes been put in at comprehends the commissionin o necessar research intae schuil, youth an dominie cooperation atween North an South. This research will cum tae pairticular figures anent the nummer schuil, youth an dominie niffers an will identifee best practice, duplication an gaps in outgie.

### Byordinar Lear Coordination Curn

#### Middletown Centre

- Greeance wis cam tae anent the buyin o the former St Josephs Adolescent Trainin Centre, Middletown, Co Armagh, atween the baith Depairments o Lear an representatives o the St Louis Order, for tae hae it cum a Centre o Excellence in the lear o bairns wi Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The Centre is for bean an aa-islan facilitie giean expert rede an guidance anent best practice in the field o pruiwin o bairns an young fowk wi ASD, the trainin o dominies an ither professionals, uphaul for parents, an the oncum o lear ploys for individuals.

### Autism an Dyslexia Resources

- Twa muckle initiatives anent the furthset o resources (CD roms an videos) a-dae wi autism an dyslexia wis taen on.
- The resources for parents an dominies as bes needan wittins anent ASD wis made apen tae ilka schuil in Airlan 2003. Lyke products, as haes been brocht on relate tae dyslexia, will be apen afore the end o Mey 2004.

### Literacie/Numeracie Wirkin Curn

- Wittins an updates haes been gien out anent initiatives taen frae the baith sides, an jynt trainin is gaed aff 2003, pairticular in the airt o literacie. An author online trainin course wis comprehendit in the RTU Simmer Schuil Program, an a when places wis made apen tae dominies frae the South. The Depairment o Lear an Science (DES) sat up a First Steps (in Literacie) course for trainars, an places wis made apen for representatives frae the North.

- The Belfast Lear an Librar Buid (BELB) gien colleagues in DES a copie o an evaluation o the Enriched Curriculum pilot project at haed been cairriet out in its airt. Forby, materials sat furth frae the NA Numeracie Curn for parents for tae mak thaim aible for uphaldan thair bairns in the learnin o mathematics wis shared wi DES colleagues.
- The curn is gaed on thinkan on the upset o a jynt facillie for trainin for Reading Recovery an the oncum o earlie literacie skeels.

#### Qualifications an Superannuation

- The Jynt Superannuation Wirkin Curn haes identifeed a reinge options for cuman tae pension transfer arreingements for dominies. An pruiwan the alternatives aible, the Wirkin Curn is ettlet at makan sicar dominies muivean atween the baith jurisdictions, wi transfer o accrued pension richts efter, will be awaurdit benefits in the receiving scheme aroun einlie wi the benefits as haed been taen in in the surrendering scheme.

- An the upset o the ae transfer scheme haean an aible impact tae the transfer o ither public-sector pension schemes, the Dominies Supperannuation Curn will liaise wi thaim takan fore the recommends anent Public-Sector Pensions owreaa on the islan, comprehendit in the "Obstacles tae Mobilitie Studie" an gien a mandate frae the Council Plenarie Juin 2002, comprehendan the proponed Pensions Wirkin Curn, an sat up.

#### EU Peace II Program

2.8.3 Norlin Airlan an the Mairches Region on Airlan taks in finance uphald frae the European Union unner the EU Program for Peace an Reconciliation (PEACE II) 2000-2004. The owreaa EU aid for PEACE II is €500 million, at €100 million is gien the Mairches Region frae. Meisur 5.5 o the Program is sat for gjean siller tae lear, athort-mairch schuil an youth cooperation projects. Till thenou 50 applications is gaed in anent this meisur, an gin the end o Juin 2004, it is thocht €4.85 million will been gien tae 14 successfu athort-mairch projects.

## Agricultur Sector

2.9.1 The aspects o North/South cooperation in Agricultur as wis greed for initial thinkin on frae the NSMC wis Common Agricultur Policie (CAP) daeins, beece an plant halth policie an research, an landart oncum.

#### Activities

2.9.2 2003 the Agricultur Sector o the NSMC is gaed on wi:

- The oncum o an aa-islan beece halth strategie for owreance o beece muivements an the prevention, containment an eradication o epizootic diseases in Airlan. This comprehendes the ane-cleekin o beece halth policie North an South an the oncum o jynt strategies for dealan wi beece diseases. The end ettles is the upset o a common import regime an einlie internal arreingements for tae cum tae free muivement o beece an beece products athort the islan. A jynt position paper atween the Depairtment o Agricultur an Landart Oncum (DARD) an the Depairtment o Agricultur an Meat (DAF) wis brocht on 2003;
- A total o nine policie wirkin curns haes been sat up at official level for tae tak fore a when initiatives. The remit o thir curns comprehendes TB an Brucellosis, TSEs (blains an scrapie), veterinar medicines, ither Zoonoses an beece diseases, disease surveillan, beece walfaur, import an export o leevean beece an beece products, animal identification, traceabilitie an athort-mairch aspects o fraud;

- Baith Agricultur Depairtments haes been leukan owre sectors the lyke o organic fairmin, crop varietie pruiwin an trainin for farder aible cooperation;
- Farder oncum is gaed aff anent the oncum o an aa-islan Plant Halth an Research Strategie, comprehendan cooperation atween the baith jurisdictions anent plant fen products. Forgaiters is gaed aff anent Plant Halth maitters o lyke interest. In the Pesticides sector, contracts wis farder brocht on an upheld. The first pairt o a 4-yeir cycle o uise surveys for plant fen products, run on aa-islan founds, wis stairtit up. The first pairt is for a-finishan 2004 an relates tae uiss on grasslaund an forage crops; an
- Liaison gaed aff anent daeins cuman out o WTO, EU enlargement an the mid-term owreview o CAP anaa.



## Environ Sector

2.10.1 The aspects o North/South cooperation for the Environ as wis greed for initial thinkin on frae the NSMC comprehends management o watter qualitie, o waste in an athort-mairch context, research tae fen o the environs, databases, impact o agricultur, wittins niffers an awaur o the environs.

### Activities

2.10.2 Oncum wis upheld takan fore the program o wark o the NSMC afore greed, anent a reinge daeins a-dae wi the environs:

- A jynt speirins exercise wis taen on anent the coordinate implement o the EU Watter Framework Directive (WFD), an pairticular the delineation o International River Basin Districts (IRBDs). The delineation o IRBDs unner the Directive wis greed wi follae-up legislation (wi lyke elements) for transposition o the Directive enactit in ilka jurisdiction. A propose wis brocht on for EU outgie o siller unner INTERREG for athort-mairch WFD implement activities, an appruival in principle for the project, cuman tae an estimate €7.5 million (£5.1 million), wis taen on frae the Interreg Steerin Comatee.

- Wark gaed on wi the oncum o an aa-islan strategic approach tae mercat oncum for recyclable material, an greeance wis cam tae anent an aa-islan contract for the management an dispone o waste fridges/freezers; an
- Wark gaed on wi a scopean studie tae the heid impacts tae the environs o agricultur, comprehendan an inventorie o relevant management practices an owreance thenou appled tae the agricultur, North an South, wi a pairticular emphasis tae watter qualitie impacts. The studie will gie a base o wittins an identifee a reinge options, as cud gie the founds for futur cooperation in the airt.

2.10.3 An initial wark program ettlet at the oncum o inlets for niffer o wittins an forder o awaur o the environs in the airts o lyke interest wis taen fore 2003. The wark comprehendit cooperative initiatives anent shared wittins resources, comprehendan the niffer o furthsettins, wirkars, exhibitions, conferances an wabsteid cleeks.

## Health Sector

2.11.1 The aspects o North/South cooperation in Health as wis greed for initial thinkin on frae the NSMC wis Accident and Emergency sairvices, plannin for muckle emergencies, Heich Technologie Graith, Cancer Research an Health Forder.

### Activities

2.11.2 Contacts atween officials o the baith Department an ithers comprehendit in gan on wi the health cooperation agenda gaed on braid 2003.

2.11.3 Anent Accident and Emergency Sairvices, the North/South Regional Spitals Sairvice Curn (NSRHSG) wis gien the darg o owreseean oncum an inlets for bringan on pairtneries happan braider regional sairvices:

- local athort-mairch collaboration happan spitals in the mairches; an
- braider cooperation on regional or supraregional founds, happan byordinar sairvices as bes, or cud be, viable whaur gien out on aa-islan founds.

2.11.4 Tho the NSRHSG niver haen a formal forgaither in the yeir, grundwark is gaed on in a wheen airts whaur the benefits o cooperation wis thocht on an whaur owreviews o sairvices wis unnertaen.

2.11.5 Thrie jynt North/South Wirkin Curns gaed on wi thair darg anent **Plannin for Muckle Emergencies** in the airts o:

- Spital an Commontie-Relate Emergencie Plannin;
- Fore-Spital Emergencie Caur; an
- Fire Sairvices.

2.11.6 The athort-mairch cooperation initiative, CAWT (Cooperation an Wirkin Thegither), wis taen on for tae unnertak a project management role for tae gae on wi a wheen initiatives in the airts o Spital an Commontie-Relate Emergencie Plannin an Fore-Spital Emergencie Caur.

2.11.7 Ither oncum comprehends:

- Completion o a resource-mappan exercise an communications protocol for commontie caur facilities in the mairches;
- Bunaiodh clár cùrsa i bpleanail éigeandála maidir leis an fhreagairt leighis i gcás móréigeandála;
- Finalisation o a feasilitee studie anent the costs an benefits o an aa-islan Helicopter Emergencie Medical Sairvice;
- Oncum o costit "First Reponear" schemes in the mairches;
- oncum o a raa traffic mishanter repone strategie for fire sairvices in the mairches (comprehendan familiarization an jynt trainin); an
- cooperation in fire prevention awaur campaigns.

2.11.8 Anent **Heich Technologie Graith**, the Jynt Health Technologie Pruiwin Curn sat for a reinge wark for a-takan fore jynt, in the airts o:

- Positron Emission Tomographie (PET);
- Byordinar Radiotherapie Treatments for the Cancer;
- Acute Facilities Uphauld Sairvices;
- Jynt Access tae European Union Health Technologie Pruiwin Networks an Ken; an
- North/South Radiotherapie Pheysics Audit Scheme.

2.11.9 Forby, the Curn identified a when cooperative airts wark as hit cud be mair beneficial for tae gae on an share wittins on jynt founds. Thir comprehends aa a-dae wi population screenin, immunology an genetics an the Unique Patient Identifeear Project. Officials forgaitert 3 Juin 2003 for tae owreview oncum an think on a futur agenda.

2.11.10 Action anent **Cancer Research** gaed on in the context o a Memorandum o Unnerstaundin o October 1999 at sat up a Cancer Consortium atween the National Cancer Institute, USA, and the Halth Departments, North an South.

2.11.11 Among the activities o the Consortium throu the yeir wis:

- the second Aa-Airlan Cancer Confeerance at gaed aff in Cork 20-22 October 2003. This confeerance wis a follae-up tae the inaugural confeerance in Belfast 1999;
- the launch o the first aa-Airlan Cancer Network Februar 2003. The network will mak sicar at patients, North an South, can get the last an maist effective cancer therapies; an
- the ongan Scholar Niffer an Nursein Niffer programs.

2.11.12 Regular forgaiters gaed on atween the Halth Forder authorities, North an South. This wark haes been enhanced wi the ontak (Mairch 2003) o a North/South program managear, ats heid role is the oncum o a coordinate North/South halth forder program. Oncum haes comprehendit:

- **Phieisical Activitie:** Efter the success o the first aa-islal Phieisical Activitie Confeerance Novemmer 2002, it wis greed at the theme o the neist Aa-Airlan Phieisical Activitie Confeerance will be obesitie, wi the emphasis tae prevention. The confeerance is sat for Novemmer 2004;
- **Research:** Collogues is stairtit anent the upset o an aa-islal database o halth an lyfestyle data;
- **Halth Forderan Spitals:** A Halth Forderan Spitals Coordinator is for a-takan on in Norlin Airlan. Propones for a jynt North/South Strategie an a propone for tae hauld the 2005 European Confeerance jynt wis a-thinkan on at the end o the yeir;
- **Trainin:** A jynt trainin seminar anent Principles o Halth Forder gaed aff Juin. Efter the seminar, it wis decid for tae set a Wirkin Curn up as wad pruiw the abillitie o pittan in formal structur for futur cooperation;
- **Alcohol:** A jynt seminar anent Alcohol Policie wis helt in Dublin Septemmer; an
- **Warkplace Halth Forder:** The baith Halth Forder authorities is cooperatean for tae busk the Fort European Confeerance anent the Forder o Warkplace Halth, a-hauldan in Dublin Castle Juin 2004.

## Transport Sector

2.12.1 The aspects o North/South cooperation in Transport as wis greed for initial thinkin on frae the NSMC wis strategic planning an raa/rail sauftie. An cooperation for the maist pairt a-dae wi raa/rail planning, hit wad tak tent o daeins a-dae the port/airport sectors.

### Activities

2.12.2 Ein wi the suspension o the devolved institutions in Norlin Airlan, cooperation an contact atween the baith administrations haes gaed on at a practical level in the transport sector. The Earse Minister o Transport, Mr Seamus Brennan TD, forgaitert wi Ms Angela Smith MP, Minister at

the Norlin Airlan Office 11t Februar 2003. Forgaiters gaed on at heich official level anaa 2003, atween the Department o Transport an the Departments for Regional Oncum an for the Environs in Norlin Airlan. Thae forgaiters heidit up on athort-mairch raa/rail oncum, raa/rail sauftie daeins, the raa haulage sector, an the futur oncum o City of Derry Airport.

2.12.3 2003 the Earse Exchequer, wi the greeance o the Norlin Airlan authorities, gaed on wi giean finance uphauld unner EU rules for the air sairvices gan on atween the City of Derry Airport an Dublin frae the Scots carrier Loganair.



Wi the interim procedurs put in, the decisions ablo wis taen 2003:

#### Trade an Business Oncum

- **Greed** 30t Januar, the ontak o Memmers o the Buid tae InterTradelreland frae 13t Decemmer 2002 tae 12 Decemmer 2005; an at Dr Martin Naughton be taen on ance mair as Preses, an at Mr Barry Fitzsimons be taen on as Preses Depute.
- **Recommendit** 25t Februar, the budget provision for 2003, comprehendan the respective inpits North an South, an the indicative total budgets for 2004-5.
- **Appruived** 28t Februar, InterTradelrelands Operating Plan for 2003.
- **Appruived** 28t Februar, InterTradelrelands Yeirlie Din an accounts for 2002.
- **Appruived** 17t Decemmer, InterTradelrelands Business Ploy for 2004; recommendit the budget provision for InterTradelreland, comprehendan the respective inpits North an South, an taen tent o the projectit total budgets 2005-8.

#### Meat Sauttie

- **Greed** 29t Januar, the ontak o memmers tae the Buid o Redears frae 13t Decemmer 2003 tae 12t Decemmer 2005; an at Mr Bertie Kerr be taen on ance mair as Preses an at Professor Charlie Daly be taen on as Preses Depute.
- **Greed** 6t Februar, at Mr Ronan Garvey be replaced frae Mr Odran Flynn on the Buid o Redears, an at thon appyntment hae effect frae 13t Decemmer 2002 tae 12t Decemmer 2005.
- **Recommendit** 27t Februar, the budget outgie for 2003 for the FSPB, comprehendan the inpits frae North an South, an the lyke total budgets for 2004-5.

- **Confirmed** 2t Aprile, the ontak o the Heid Executive o the FSPB an **appruived** the application o the 4% owreea round increase applicable tae public-sector wirkars, comprehendan Heid Executives, in the South wi effect frae 1t October 2002, sae bean hit gets the appruival o the baith Finance Ministers.
- **Appruived** 25t Novemmer, (i) the upset, gradein an remuneration o 9 posts; (ii) the ontak o wirkars frae apen competition for tae fill the posts, an (iii) at future adjustment in salarie for aa wirkars (no comprehendan Heid Executive) gae wi the correspondan grades in the Earse Civil an Public Sairvice, an be greed atween the sponsor departments an the finance departments wi nae farder reference tae the NSMC.
- **Appruived** 18t Decemmer, the Business Ploy for 2004; **recommendit** the budget outgie for the FSPB as kythes in the table for 2004, comprehendan inpits North an South, an taen tent tae the projectit total budgets for 2005-8.

#### Aquacultur an Marine Sector

- **Appruived** 29t Januar, the ontak o Memmers o the Buid tae the FCILC frae 13t Decemmer 2002 tae 12t Decemmer 2005; an at Mr Peter Savage an the Lord Cooke o Islandreagh be taen on as Preses an Preses Depute ance mair.
- **Appruived** 28t Februar, the scroll o the Foyle Airt an Carlingford Airt (Licensein o Engines for Fishin) (Amendment) Regulations 2003, an lat the Jynt Secretars tae the NSMC sign an appruive the scroll o the regulations awnan tae an frae thaim.
- **Recommendit** 11t Mairch, the outgie o the budget for 2003, comprehendan the inpits North an South, an the lyke total budgets for 2004-5.
- **Appruived** 15t October at the Loughs Agentrie tak on a consultancie for tae pruiw the abilitie for oncum o marine-relate tourism an recreational activities in

baith the Carlingford Lough an the Lough Foyle, an the role o the Loughs Agentrie an forderan sicna oncum.

- **Appruived** 9t Decemmer, the Foyle Airt an Carlingford Airt (Licensein o Engines for Fishin) (Amendment No 2) Regulations 2003, an lat the Jynt Secretars tae the NSMC sign an appruive the scroll o the regulations awnan tae an frae thaim.
- **Taen** tent 10t Decemmer, the Foyle, Carlingford an Earse Lichts Commission - Loughs Agentrie finance statements for the tyme endan 31t Decemmer 2000.

#### Byordinar EU Programs Sector

- **Recommendit** 6t Mairch, the SEUPB budget outgie for 2003, comprehendan inpits North an South, an the lyke total budgets for 2004-05.
- **Appruived** 28t Aprile, fyve mair permanent posts an sax fixed-term posts, **appruived** the upgrade o the Regional Pairtnerie Buid Secretariat post, an taen tent at a fou staffing an structur owreview o the SEUPB will be taen on in the earlie pairt o 2004.
- **Greed** 4t July, at Nuala Kerr, the CEO Depute o the SEUPB, exercise the functions o the Heid Executive on temporar founds frae 21t Mey 2003.
- **Taen** tent 7t July o the SEUPB Yeirlie Din an Accounts for 2001.
- **Taen** tent 18t Novemmer o the SEUPB Yeirlie Din an Accounts for 2002.
- **Appruived** 5t Decemmer the SEUPB Corporate Ploy 2003-05 an Business Ploy 2003.
- **Appruived** 5t Decemmer at Mr John McKinney will resign as Heid Executive frae Wadinsdey 10t Decemmer 2003, an the initiation sae shuin as aible o the procedur for tae identifee a replacement for Mr McKinney, wi farder ministerial speirin whaniver a candidate be identifeed as ansuers the post.

- **Appruived** 10t Decemmer, the SEUPB Business Plan for 2004, **recommendit** the budget outgie for the Curn as kythes in the table for 2004, comprehendan the inpits North an South, an taen tent o the lyke total budgets for 2005-06.

#### Langage Sector

- **Greed** 29t Januar the ontak o memmers tae the Buid o the owreea Buid o Langage frae 13t Decemmer tae 12t Decemmer 2005, an at Maighread Ui Mhairtin an the Lord Laird o Airtgarvan be taen on ance mair as Preses o the Earse Leid Agentrie an the Ulster-Scots Agentrie, an for tae act as Jynt Preses o the Buid o Langage.
- **Recommendit** 26t Februar the budget outgie for the Curn for 2003, comprehendan the inpits North an South, an the lyke total budgets for 2004-05.
- **Appruived** 19t Mey the application o the owreea round pey uppit unner the Program for Prosperitie an Fairness tae salarie rates thenou for thae wirkars bidean in the South, frae 1t October 2002, sae bean hit gets the appruival o the baith First Ministers, an at future owreea round pey uppits for aa wirkars employed frae An Foras Teanga be greed atween the relevant sponsor departments, North an South, wi the appruival o the Finance Departments, an wi nae farder reference tae the NSMC.
- **Greed** 1t Septemmer at Dr Ian Adamson be taen on tae the Buid o the owreea Buid o Langage frae 1t Septemmer 2003 tae 12t Decemmer 2005.
- **Appruived** 11t Septemmer the revised Business Ploys for Foras na Gaeilge an the Ulster-Scots Agentrie for 2003, an **recommendit** the heicher budget outgie for the Buid o Langage for 2003, comprehendan the inpits North an South.

#### Foras na Gaeilge

- **Appruived** 19t Mey 2003 the salarie an salarie reinge uppits for the CEO o Foras na Gaeilge.
- **Appruived** 10t Juin, sae bean hit gets the appruival o the Finance Ministers, the gradein an salarie scales for 13 posts in Foras na Gaeilge, the ontak o wirkars frae apen competition, for the fillin o thon posts, at futur adjuistments in salarie for aa wirkars (no comprehendan the Heid Executive) tak place gan wi the lyke grades in the Norlin Airlan Civil Sairvice an the Earse Civil Sairvice, an be greed atween the sponsor an finance deapairtments wi nae farder reference tae the NSMC.

#### The Buid o Ulster Scots

- **Greed** (in principle) 26t Februar at Mr George Patton be taen on as Heid Executive o the Ulster-Scots Agentrie.
- **Appruived** on 31t Mairch the ontak o a Finance an Administration Managear, a Grants Officecar, a Finance an Administration Officecar, an a Personal Assistant, an **appruived** forby at futur adjuistments in salarie for aa permanent wirkars (no comprehendan the Heid Executive) gae aff gan wi the lyke grades in the Norlin Airlan an Earse Civil Sairvices, an necessar, an be greed atween the sponsor an finance deapairtments wi nae farder reference tae the NSMC.
- **Confirmed** 14t Aprile the ontak o Mr George Patton as Heid Executive o the Ulster-Scots Agentrie.
- **Appruived** 11t Juin, sae bean the Finance Ministers gaes wi it, the post o Officecar o Oncum, bidean at the Raphoe Office, an at the application o benchmairkin an futur owreaa round uppits tae this salarie scale be greed atween the necessar sponsor deapairtments, North an South, wi the appruival o the Finance Deapairtments an nae farder reference to the NSMC.

#### Inlan Watterweys Sector

- **Recommendit** 24t Februar the budget outgie for 2003, comprehendan the inpits, North an South, an the lyke total budgets for 2004-05.
- **Appruived** 17t Decemmer the Business Ploy for 2004, **recommendit** the budget provision for Watterweys Airlan as sat out in the table for 2004, comprehendan the inpits North an South, an taen tent o the lyke total budgets for 2005-6.

#### Tourism Sector

- **Acceptit** 28t Januar the resignation o Mr Roy Bailie frae the Buid, an appruived the ontak o Mr Tom McGrath for tae replace him.
- **Appruived** 13t Mey the propones for mair mercatin daeins (wi an associate budget o €4.142 million/£2.609 million, cuman frae the Earse Govrenment), an **greed** at Tourism Ireland be speirt at for tae bring fore farder mercatin propones for consideration frae Ministers, athin the context o the Norlin Airlan budgetar cycle, takan tent o the greed 2:1 split in the owreaa South:North inpit tae the Companies mercatin program.
- **Taen** tent 24t July at, wi the dissolution o Bord Failte an the transfer o functions tae the National Tourism Development Authority, aa relevant references tae Bord Failte in NSMC papers, comprehendan the mak up o the Buid o Tourism Ireland, nou be read as references tae the National Tourism Development Authority; **acceptit** the resignation o the Preses an temporar Heid Executive o Bord Failte, Mr Noel McGinley an Mr Niall Reddy, as Directors o Tourism Ireland wi effect frae 27t Mey 2003; an appruived the ontak o the Preses an CEO o the new National Tourism Development Authority, Ms Gillian Bowler an Mr Shaun Quinn, as Directors o Tourism Ireland frae 28t Mey 2003.
- **Taen** tent 28t Septemmer o Tourism Irelands Yeirlie Din an Accounts for 2002.

- **Appruived** on 17t Novemmer a change in Airticle 29 o the Airticles o Association o the companie for tae lea the first Buid Directors sair for fouwer yeir or mair.
- **Greed** 8t Decemmer the outgie o mair Norlin Airlan fundin o €2.048 million/£1.270 million tae Tourism Ireland for mair mercatin daeins.
- **Greed** 8t Decemmer Tourism Irelands owreaa pey an owreheids budget o €20.34 million cuman frae an inpit o €4.6 million (£2.87 million) frae the North an €15.7 million (£9.78 million) frae the South; greed at for futur budgetin the North:South ration for Tourism Irelands pey an owreheid costs be 1:3.4; an greed Tourism Irelands establishment number o 152.
- **Appruived** 8t Decemmer Tourism Irelands Operating Plan for 2004, **recommendit** the budget outgie for Tourism Ireland as sat out for 2004, comprehendan the inpits North an South, an **taen** tent o the projectit total budgets for 2005-6.



## The Joint Secretariat

### Bakgrund

Strand Twa o the Greeance allowed at the North/South Council o Ministers wis for a-uphaldan frae a staundan Jynt Secretariat, wi wirkars frae the Norlin Airlan Civil Sairvice an the Earse Civil Sairvice. The Soulin side o the Jynt Secretariat wirks unner the aegis o the Depairtment o Fern Affairs, an the Norlin side wirkan unner the aegis o the Office o the First Minister an First Minister Depute.

### Wirkars

The Memorandum o Unnerstaundin anent Procedur greed frae the Council at the inaugural plenarie forgaiter in Armagh 13t Decemmer 1999 sat the arreingements out for, an functions o, the Jynt Secretariat o the Council. Unner the terms o thon Memorandum, it wis greed the Jynt Secretariat bide in Armagh, an heidit frae twa Jynt Secretars, ane taen on frae ilka Administration. Ilka side buid tae nominate a Jynt Secretar Depute anaa, an ither administration an clerical uphald wirkars. Officials frae the baith sides o the Secretariat wirks alang wi ilkither in claucht office accommodation in Armagh. Tim O'Connor is the Soulin Jynt Secretar. Peter Smyth is the Norlin Jynt Secretar. The Jynt Secretars Depute is Paddy Foy (South) an Pat Donaghy (North).

### Functions

Unner the terms o the Memorandum, the functions o the Jynt Secretariat comprehends:

- arreingean the schedule o Council forgaiters in differan formats;
- makan sicar political/ministerial greeance tae the agendas for forgaiters o the Council;

- buskan or commissionan papers for forgaiters o the Council comprehendan thaim relate tae its program o wark;
- settan scrolls o jynt communiques an records o decisions o the Council furth;
- settan decisions o the Council an monitoran thair implement furth;
- settan a scroll o a yeirle din anent the daeins o the Council furth;
- bean a channel o communication for the Implement Curns for tae facilitate thair oncum;
- liaisean, an appropriate, wi the designate Depairtment or Office in aither jurisdiction wi the Secretariat o the Brits-Earse Intergovrenment Conferance, wi the Secretariat o the Brits-Earse Council, an wi the North/South Jynt Pairlamentar Forum an Independent Consultative Forum whaniver sat up; an
- cairrean out ither wark lyke directit frae the Council.

Forby the functions as kythes abuin, the Jynt Secretariat coordinates the Interim Procedurs Process as kythes at 1.10 o this din, an facilitates the oncum o arreingements athin the North/South for tae deliver best practice a-dae wi corporate governance an accountabilitie.

### Fundin

Wirkar costs associate wi the Jynt Secretariat cums frae thair parent administrations. Aa ither costs associate wi the Jynt Secretariat or the Council is einlie divid atween the baith administrations.

Finance Wittins

Finance Wittins  
1t Januar 2003 - 31t Decemmer 2003

Peyments an Budget (North an South)

Fou peyments for the tyme 1t Januar 2003 gin 31t Decemmer 2003 cam tae £1,331,558/€1,987,400, an a breakdoun o the heid expenditur is sat out forenent.

NSMC Expenditur - 1t Januar 2003 - 31t Decemmer 2003

Item	£	€
Salaries	945,809	1,411,655
Administration	301,002	449,257
Forgaithers/Confeerances	28,136	41,994
Consultancie	37,716	56,293
Capital Spendin	18,895	28,201
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,331,558</b>	<b>€1,987,400</b>





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