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**INNIN FRAE
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INNIN

We ar blythe pittan fore at in 2009 thar war a nummer muckle developments relate the wark o the North South Meenisterial Council (NSMC).

Aa in, 30 NSMC forgaithers wis helt owre 2009, comprehendan 3 Plenarie forgaithers. In a sweir tyme for the economie the lyke never afore seen, the Plenarie forgaithers pairticular gien Govrenment an Executive Meenisters an inlet for the niffer o views anent the respective meisurs thay ar pittan in for the forder o growth an the fen o employ. Meenisters helt collogues anent the abeelitie for futur lyke beneficial co-operation anent the economic dounturn.

Athort 2009, Meenisters gaitheran in the framewark o the North South Meenisterial Council, cam thegither an taen action anent a guid when maiters o direct relevance tae the baith stewartries. Siclyke comprehendit: the fecht agin the Swine Flu; collaboration anent the outgie o cancer treatment sairins in the North West an paediatric cardiologie on the islan; infrastructur oncum comprehendan the muckle A5 an A8 Raas projects an the oncum o the Dublin/Belfast rail sairin; raa sauftie comprehendan the co-ordinate inpit o nether bluid alcohol levels in the baith stewartries; progress in the oncum o an aa-islan animal halth an walfaur strategie; the remuive o no legal aff-sat athort-mear affpit; co-operation anent fen o bairns an suicide fendin; takkan tent o lear unnerachievement an byordinar lear needs.

Mairatowre, Meenisters leukit owre the wairk o the North South Implement Curns an Tourism Airlan Limited. Thay taen in dins frae the Preses, Preses Depute an Heid Executives o the Curns anent performance gan agin tairgets sat furth in thair Business an Corporate Ploys. Meenisters greed tae the 2009 Business Ploys an household, comprehendan efficiencie hainins, buskit on the founs o guidelines greed frae the Department Finance an the Department Finance an Personnel.



The Jint Secretariat, gan wi the Royal Airs Academie an Armagh Ceetie an District Council, helt an event in Armagh anent the tent yeirdey o the North South Meenisterial Council whaur Sir George Quigley gien a lectur wi the heidin “Airlan 2020”.

The outgie o new biggins for the NSMC Jint Secretariat in Armagh cam tae the end pairt at the hinner end o 2009, wi the Jint Secretariat lyke tae flit tae its new biggins, biggit frae the Armagh Ceetie an District Council, owre April 2010. We wad be thenkrif tae the wirkars o Armagh Ceetie an District Council for thair aye lippent uphauld tae the NSMC Jint Secretariat. We leuk foreairt tae a strengthenin o the pairtnerie, an us settan up for the flittin tae the new biggins in 2010.

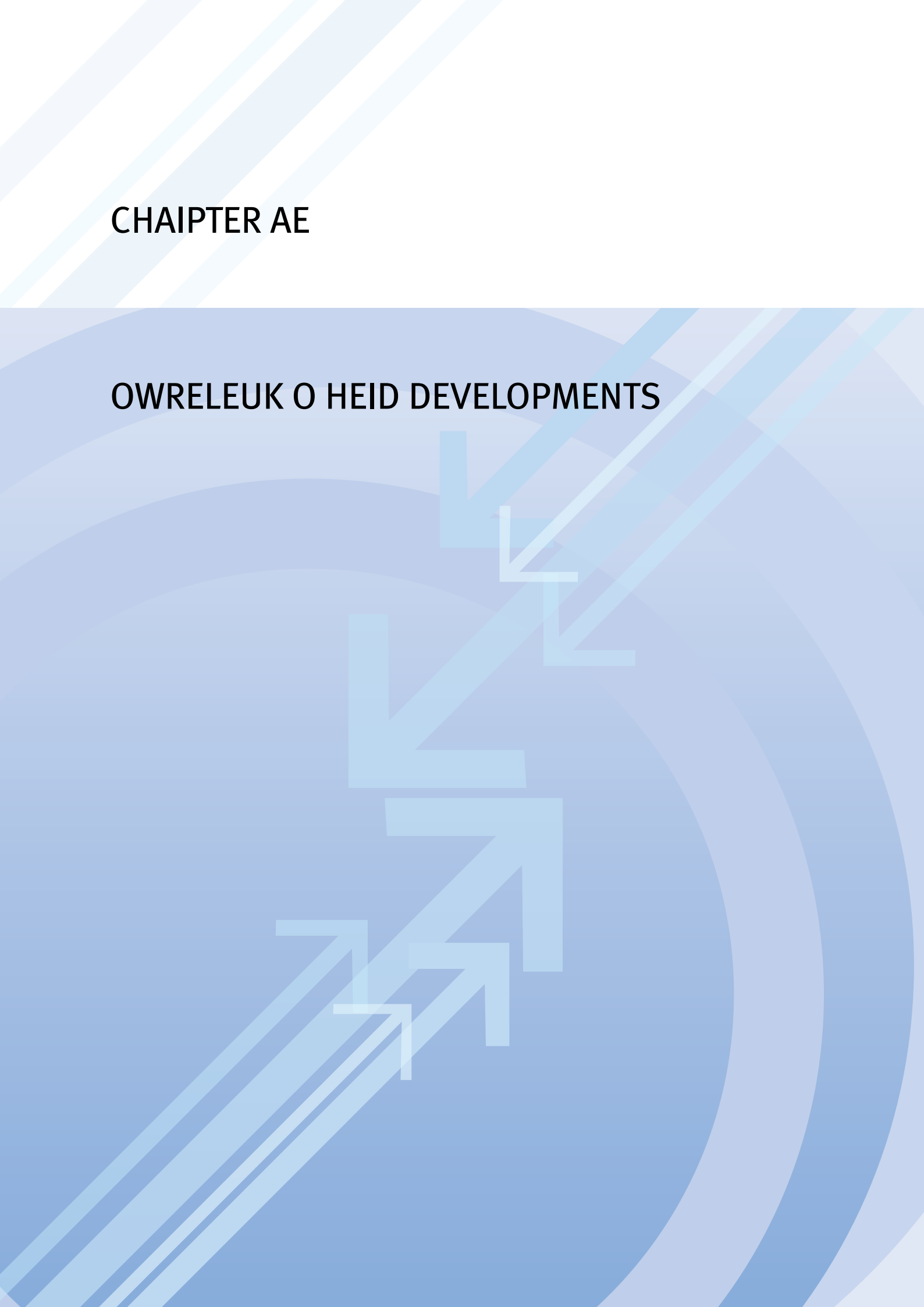
At the hinner end, we wad ar thenkrif tae officials in the Norlin Airlan Executive Departments, Airs Govrenment Departments, the North South Curns an the Jint Secretariat for thair gey guid help an co-operation athort the yeir anaa.

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CHAPTER AE

OWRELEUK O HEID DEVELOPMENTS



CHAPTER AE: Owreleuk O Heid Developments

BAKGRUND

1.1 This din haps the wark o the North South Meenisterial Council (NSMC) in the tyme Januar tae December 2009. Owre the yeir thar war 30 forgaithers o the NSMC – 3 in Plenarie format, 2 in Institutional format an 25 in sectoral format. A fou list o thir forgaithers kythes at Annex 1.

1.2 At thir forgaithers, Meenisters taen importan decesions relate the wark o the North South Implement Curns an Tourism Airlan Limited (the Curns) an Airts for Co-operation. Fou details o whit wis talkit owre, comprehendan maiters relate corporate governance in the Curns an progress in the wark programs in the Airts for Co-operation, is comprehendit in Chaipthers 2, 3 an 4.

WARK O THE JINT SECRETARIAT

1.3 Forby the buskin, organisin an follae-up o NSMC Plenarie an Meenisterial forgaithers, the Jint Secretariat haen an active inpit, an dealan wi a reinge muckle maiters anent athort-mear muivement. Thir comprehends the Mear Fowk wabsteid, athort-mear bankin an pensions maiters an walfaur benefits for athort-mear wirkars. Farder details o the Jint Secretariats wark anent sic maiters kythes in Chaipther 3.

OUTREACH EVENTS

1.4 An important pairt o the wark o the NSMC Jint Secretariat is the richt owrepiit o the daeins o the NSMC. Owre the yeir, the Jint Secretariat gien repones tae speirs for collogues frae a reinge veesitan curns comprehendan students frae the Vairsitie o Notre Dame;



Taen at the byordinar event helt in Armagh for the 10t yeirdey o the upset o the North South Meenisterial Council is Noel Dorr, a bygaen Secreter General o the Depairtment o Fremmit Daeins, First Meenister depute Martin McGuinness MP, MLA, Sir George Quigley, at gien a lectur wi the heidin “Airlan 2020” an the Mayor o the Armagh Ceetie an District Council, Councillor Thomas O’Hanlon

the Meenister for Public Sairins an heid officials frae Kosovo; an the Chevening Fellaes, a curn mid-career professionals frae new democracies an uncumman kintras frae Bangladesh tae Vietnam.

1.5 The Jint Secretariat haulds contact up wi a braid reinge stakehouldars relevant tae its wark, comprehendan the athort-mear pairtneries, COMET, the Inlan Watterweys Associe o Airlan, IBEC/CBI Jint Business Council, the Centre for Athort-mear Studies an the International Centre for Hamelie an Regional Oncum. The Jint Secretariat wirks nearhaund anaa wi officials in the the baith admeenistrations as bes takkan wark foreairt anent the North West Gateway Initiative.

1.6 A heidin o the yeir wis an outstikkan event helt in Armagh on 2 December for the 10t yeirdey o the upset o the North South Meenisterial Council. The event wis organised jint frae the Royal Airis Academie, the Armagh Ceetie an District Council an the Jint Secretars o the North South Meenisterial Council. Hit comprehendit a lectur gien frae Sir George Quigley afore an invitit audience anent "Airlan 2020", wi a repone efter frae Mr Noel Dorr, a bygaen Secretar General o the Depairtment Fremmit Daeins in Dublin. Guests comprehendit First Meenister depute Martin McGuinness, MP, MLA.

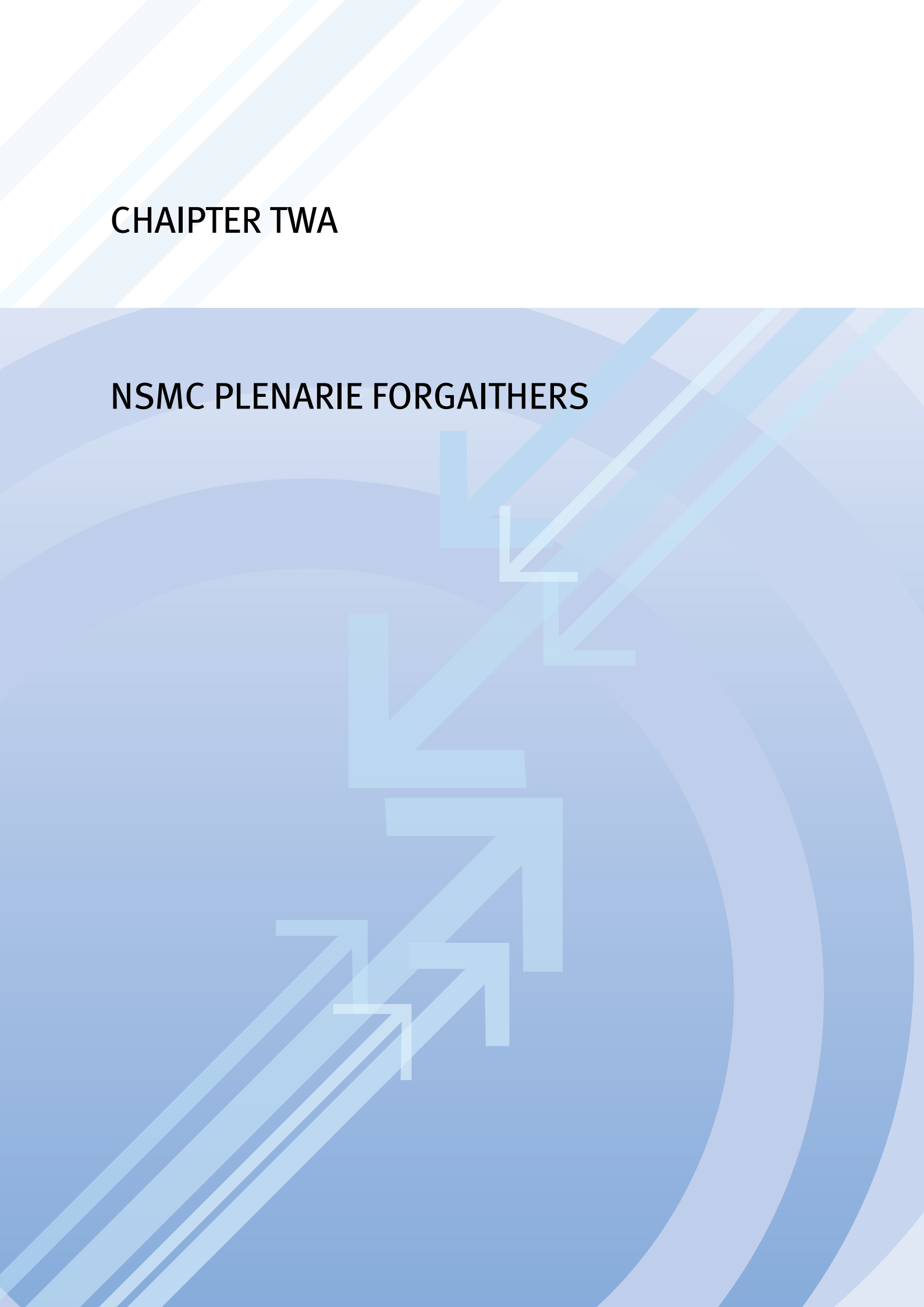
NSMC JINT SECRETARIAT NEW BIGGINS PROJECT

1.7 Gey guid progress is efter a-makkan a-dae with the biggin o new, ettle-biggit, biggins for the NSMC Jint Secretariat in Armagh. Biggin stairtit in Juin 2009 an is weel tae the fore. Hit will be aa daen in Mairch 2010 wi wirkars muivean in juist efter. The Armagh Ceetie an District Council haes responsibilitie for aa biggin costs an will lea out the biggin tae the NSMC Jint Secretariat. At the NSMC forgaiter in Institutional format on 11 November, Meenisters greed at, whaur practicable, futur NSMC forgaiters will be helt in the new biggins. This sud, in the langer term, shaw a mair cost effective uiss o graith.



CHAIPTR TWA

NSMC PLENARIE FORGAITHERS



CHAPTER TWA: NSMC Plenarie Forgaithers



Taen at the NSMC Plenarie forgaither in the University o Ulster at Magee on 23 January ar First Meenister depute Martin McGuinness, MP, MLA, An Taoiseach Brian Cowen, TD, an First Meenister the Rt Hon Peter Robinson, MP, MLA.

2.1 The NSMC forgaithert in Plenarie format in Januar 2009 at the Vairsitie o Ulster at Magee, in July 2009 at Farmleigh House, Dublin, an in December 2009 in Limavady. At ilkane o thir forgaithers the Airis Govrenment delegations wis heidit frae the Taoiseach, Brian Cowen, TD, an the Norlin Airlan Executive delegations wis heidit frae the First Meenister, the Rt Hon Peter Robinson, MP, MLA an the First Meenister depute, Martin McGuinness, MP, MLA. The Jint Communiques sat furth efter ilka forgaither kythes at www.northsouthministerialcouncil.org.

2.2 At the forgaithers, Meenisters talkit owre the economic dounturn an its impact, pairticular tae the bankin sectors in the baith stewartries. Thay talkit owre the scope for futur lyke beneficial North South co-operation for tae gie the baith admeenistrations a hand in thair efforts for the forder o growth an the fen o employ.

JINT SECRETARS PROGRESS DIN

At the Plenarie forgaithers Meenisters taen tent o oncum in the sindert NSMC airts for co-operation on the founs o progress dins put in frae the Jint Secretars. Heid maiters talkit owre as bes happit nearder in Chapter 4, comprehendit:

- progress on the A5 an A8 raa projects;
- wark anent lyke kennin o dryvin disqualifications an penaltie pynts;
- the co-ordinate approach tae the inpit o new nether bluid alcohol leemits; raa sauftie strategies an athort-mear enforce;
- progress on a scroll o the aa-islán Animal Health an Walfaur Strategie;

- the impact o the animal fodder contamination mishanter in the baith stewardries;
- athort-mear co-operation anent the fen o bairns;
- the ten pynt aa–islan ploy o daeins anent suicide fendin;
- nearhaund co-operation anent dealan wi the A/ H1N1 outbreak (Swine Flu);
- the upstairt o a Sairin Level Greeance atween the Halth an Social Caur Buid for Norlin Airlan an Our Ladys Spital Crumlin, Dublin, on the outgie o paediatric congenital cardiac sairins;
- remuive o no legal aff-sat affpit;
- the Dublin/Belfast rail sairin;
- the impact o the dounfaa o the viaduct at Malahide an follaeen re-openin o the rail line;
- ongan co-operation anent Lear comprehendan tackling lear unnerachievement, winnan tae byordinar lear needs comprehendan the oncum o the Middletoun Centre for Autism ; an
- progress anent athort-mear muivement maiters comprehendan the Mear Fowk wabsteid.

ST. ANDRAES GREEANCE OWRELEUK

2.4 In December the Council taen tent at the St Andraes Greeance sat out for an Owreleuk Curn for tae mak dins wi recommends tae the North South Meenisterial Council (NSMC) an at the Owreleuk Curn bes ettlet at giean a final din tae the neist Plenarie.

NORTH SOUTH SPEIRINS FORUM

2.5 The Council taen tent at the Norlin Airlan Executives ongan owreleuk o the Ceevic Forum an paragraph 22 o the St Andraes Greeance. Hit taen tent at the Airis Govrenment put in its propones tae the Norlin Airlan Executive in September 2008 an at the Airis Govrenment brocht aff a speirins confereance on 15 October 2009 wi the pairttakkin o social pairtners an ither ceevil societie curns frae athort the islan. The Council greed tae bring tae an ere end collogues anent the North South Speirins Forum.

NORTH SOUTH PARLIAMENTAR FORUM

2.6 The Council taen tent at the upset o this Forum is a maiter for the Oireachtas an the Norlin Airlan Assemblie. Paragraph 21 o the St Andraes Greeance wis taen tent o forby the propone frae the Speakar o the Norlin Airlan Assemblie for tae hauld a North South Parlamentar Confereance.

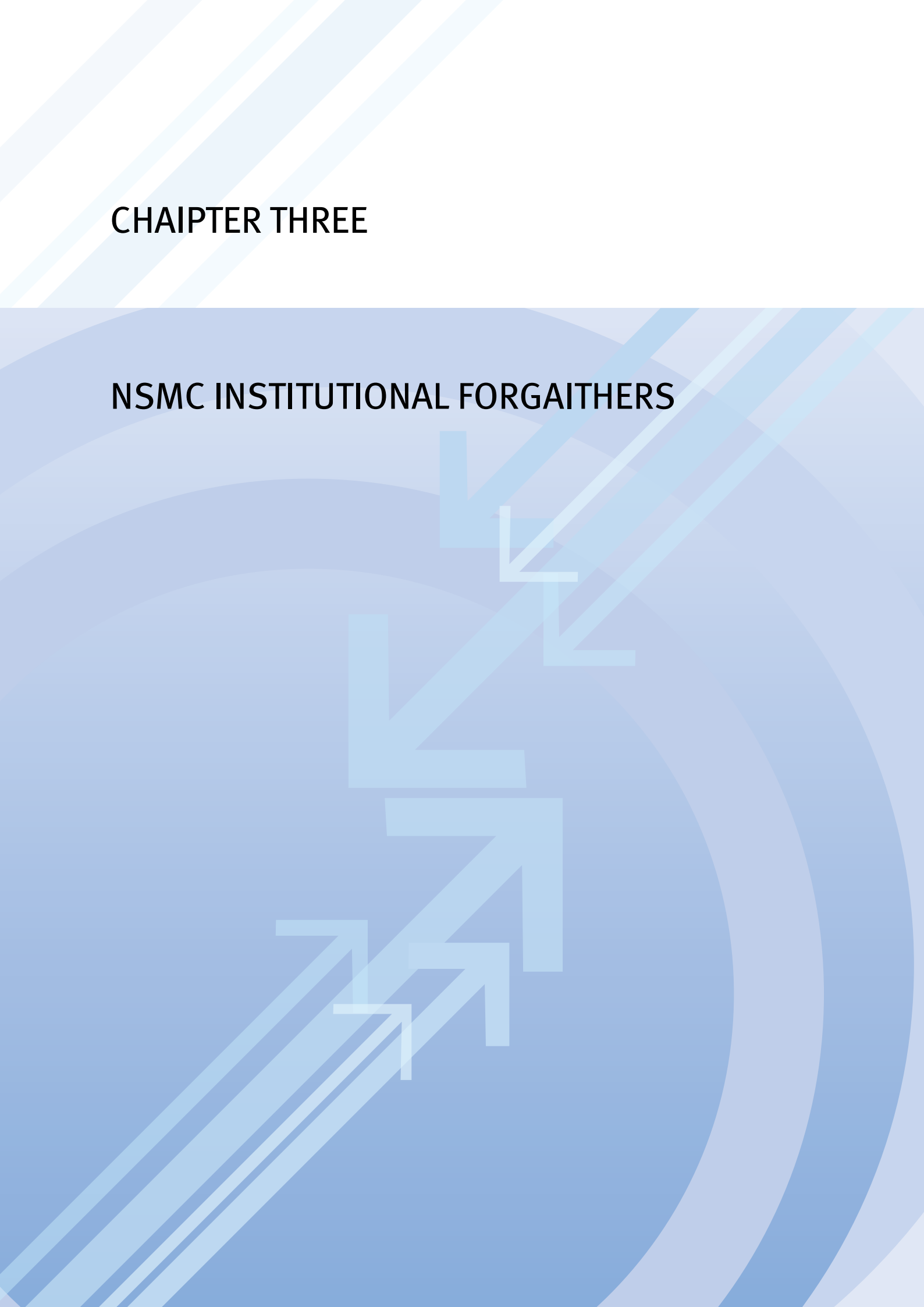
SCHEDULE O FUTUR FORGAITHERS

2.7 At ilka Plenarie the Council gien thocht tae, an greed, a schedule o futur forgaithers.



CHAIPTR THREE

NSMC INSTITUTIONAL FORGAITHERS



CHAPTER THREE: NSMC Institutional Forgaithers



Taen at the NSMC forgaither In Institutional format on 28 Apryle is First Meenister depute Martin McGuinness, MP, MLA, Meenister for Fremmit Daeins Micheál Martin, TD, First Meenister the Rt Hon Peter Robinson, MP, MLA, an Junior Meenister Jeffrey Donaldson, MP, MLA.

3.1 The NSMC forgaithert twyce in Institutional format - in Farmleigh House, Dublin on 28 Apryle an in the Stormont Castle on 11 November. Meenister for Fremmit Daeins Micheál Martin, TD, First Meenister the Rt Hon Peter Robinson, MP, MLA, the First Meenister depute Martin McGuinness, MP, MLA, an Meenister for Social Oncum Margaret Ritchie, MLA, cam tae the baith forgaithers. Junior Meenister Jeffrey Donaldson, MP, MLA, cam tae the Apryle forgaither an Junior Meenister Robin Newton, MLA, cam tae the November forgaither.

ATHORT-MEAR MUIVEMENT

3.2 Athort-mear muivement maiters his been an importan subject for collogue at Institutional forgaithers. Meenisters haes gien thoct tae maiters o impact tae fowks abeelitie for tae flit athort the mear, in aither airtin, for tae wirk, study or bide.

MEAR FOWK WABSTEID

3.3 The Council gien a walcum tae the progress made in the oncum, mercatin an management o the Mear Fowk wabsteid www.borderpeople.info at gies access tae heich qualitie public sairin wittins for fowk as gaes athort the mear for tae bide, wirk or study. The wabsteid is bringan in aroun 10,000 veesits the mond an siller for the farder oncum o the wabsteid for the 3-yeir tyme 2009-2011 is efter a-makkan sicar unner INTERREG IVA. A mercatin strategie for the wabsteid made a tairget o pairticular in the Mairches at the Hallae Een an the Yuletyde.

ATHORT-MEAR BANKIN

3.4 Meenisters taen tent o the positive outcum o collogues helt wi a braid reinge interestit curns, comprehendan business an consumer curns an the heid bankin institutions anent the maiter o athort-mear bankin chairges. Thir collogues is cam tae the furthset,

for the first time, a detailed comparative table of the cost of typical short-term transaction charges on the Member States and the transparency at this stage for consumers. As when the banking crisis is over either the implementation or the process of the implementation of new IT platforms as can be seen neither will not for short-term transactions. For this, the implementation of the EU Revised European Payments Directive and the EU Payment Services Directive should bring down the costs of short-term transactions in the future.

PENSIONS

3.5 Ministers have taken a number of possible options as to how to deal with the issue of pension rights on short-term flows. However, with the cost implications and the economic climate then, the Council agreed at reciprocal membership arrangements of the Transfer Network and the Transfer Club pension schemes in the different countries is not a viable option just now. A plan is that for the time being within the arrangements in pension arrangements for the countries as well as for the issue of work in the other country. As a first step, a working seminar is to be held with the other countries Trade Unions.

NORTH SOUTH CURS MATTERS

3.6 Ministers have discussed the issues relating to the Curs, including the implementation of cumulative efficiency gains in their 2009 and 2010 households and agreed other cost saving measures. The Council will give more attention to the issues relating to the Curs.

EU MATTERS COMING UP WITH NSMC

3.7 Ministers have a broad dialogue on co-operation with EU countries. They have taken on the work on EU related matters in the necessary NSMC Areas for Co-operation. This includes in Agriculture, Aquaculture and Marine and Ordinary EU Programs.



CHAIPTR FOUWER

NSMC FORGATHERS IN SECTORAL FORMAT



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This chaipiter gies an owreleuk o NSMC forgaithers in sectoral format in 2009. The Jint Communiques frae thir forgaithers kythes at www.northsouthmeenisterialcouncil.org.

Agricultur



Taen at the NSMC forgaither in Agricultur sectoral format on 20 Mairch is Sammy Wilson, MP, MLA, Meenister o the Environment, Michelle Gildernew, MP, MLA, Meenister o Agricultur an Laundart Oncum, an Brendan Smith, TD, Meenister for Agricultur, the Fisheries an Meat.

4.1.1 The NSMC cam thegither in Agricultur sectoral format in Dublin on 20 Mairch an on 18 November an in Greenmount on 21 July. Brendan Smith, TD, Meenister for Agricultur, the Fisheries an Meat an Michelle Gildernew, MP, MLA, wis at aa three forgaithers. Sammy Wilson, MP, MLA, Meenister o the Environment cam tae the Mairch forgaither. Edwin Poots, MLA, Meenister o the Environment cam tae the July forgaither, an Éamon Ó Cuív, TD, Meenister for Commontie, Laundart an Gaeltacht Daeins thar anaa. Robin Newton, MLA, Junior Meenister, Office o the First Meenister an First Meenister depute cam tae the November forgaither.

ANIMAL FODDER CONTAMINATION

4.1.2 Meenisters taen tent o the collogue at the NSMC Plenarie forgaither on 23 Januar 2009 o the animal fodder contamination mishanter in 2008 an its impact tae fairmars an producears athort the islan. It wis greed tae gae on wi nearhaund wark in winnan tae the meisurs the Airis Govrenment an the Norlin Airlan Executive is efter pittan in for tae deal wi the maiter. It wis greed tae mak cooperation stranger anaa, an dealan wi muckle

maiters o this kin an officials wis speirt at for tae leuk owre an, an necessar, revise the arryngements thenou.

AA-ISLAN ANIMAL HALTH AN WALFAUR STRATEGIE

4.1.3 Progress anent the deliverie o the scroll o the Aa-Islan Animal Halth an Walfaur Strategie wis taen tent o, an the fact at wark is gan on for tae bring tae an end arryngements for an athort-mear stakehauldar speirins event in the ere pairt o 2010.

PLAUNT HALTH AN PESTICIDES

4.1.4 Meenisters taen in a presentation frae the Plaunt Halth an Pesticides Steeran Curn o its din anent the jint strategic approach tae plaunt halth an pesticides. The din his identifeed a muckle nummer airts o lyke interest as wad tak benefit frae a greed framwork for co-ordination an deliverie. It wis greed, at the Steering Curn sud bring on a wark program for a-thinkan on at a futur NSMC forgaither in Agricultur sectoral format.

CHAPTER FOUR: NSMC Forgaithers In Sectoral Format

COMMON AGRICULTURE POLICY (CAP) & WORLD TRADE ORGANISATION (WTO)

4.1.5 Developments anent implementation of the CAP Health Check Greening, the future of the CAP and WTO, the challenges a-dae wi the agriculture sector, particular relate greenhouse gas emissions netherin targets an the situation thenou of the dairy industries talkit owre. The Council speirt at officials efer bidan nearhaund anent sic maiters, an for thaim tae mak a din of developments tae a futur NSMC forgaither in Agriculture sectoral format.

LAUNDART ONCUM

4.1.6 The Council gien a walcum tae the positive impact of co-operation anent the 2000-2006 EU Programs for the ahort-mear laundart economie comprehendan the upset of 80 new laundart enterprises an a haund tae 600 enterprises wi the Laundart Oncum meisur of INTERREG IIIA. The Council gien a walcum anaa tae the openin for applications of the Laundart Oncum unner-theme of the EU INTERREG IVA Program an the appruive of a PEACE III project at leuks tae get at maiters of sectarianism an racism in a laundart context an the outgie of siller for co-operation projects, comprehendan ahort-mear projects, unner the LEADER elements of the twa Laundart Oncum Programs 2007-13.

LAUNDART RESTRUCTURIN PRESENTATION

4.1.7 At the July forgaither the International Centre for Hamelie an Regional Oncum gien Meenisters a presentation fou of wittins anent its study anent laundart restructurin at gies thocht tae the impact an futur of laundart restructurin policie an practice.

Lear



Taen at the NSMC forgaither on 20 May is Sir Reg Empey, MLA, Meenister for Employment an Learning, Cairtriona Ruane, MLA, Meenister for Lear an Batt O'Keeffe, TD, Meenister for Lear an Science

4.2.1 The NSMC met in Lear sectoral format in Middletoun on 20 Mey an in Dublin on 25 November. Batt O'Keeffe, TD, Meenister for Lear an Science, Cairtriona Ruane, MLA, Meenister for Lear an Sir Reg Empey, MLA, Meenister for Employment an Learning cam tae baith thir forgaithers.

LEAR UNNER-ACHIEVEMENT

4.2.2 The Council taen in a presentation frae lear practitionars anent approaches tae the integrate o newcummar bairns in schuils an the challenges thay cums tae wis talkit owre. Meenisters taen tent o an gien a walcum tae the ongan co-operation athort the islan anent this maiter. The progress made for a jint furthset anent best practice in the learin o literacie an numeracie in schuils in no avantaged airts wis taen tent o an it wis greed at the focus o an aa-islan Bairns Beuk Week, for a-hauldan in 2010, sud be forehaund tae bairns wi a pickle or nae tradition o the readin at hame, thaim wi a bit access tae the readin graith, an thaim at risk o faan ahint.

SCHUIL YOUTH AN DOMINIE NIFFERS

4.2.3 Meenisters gien a walcum tae the nearhaund wark atween the professional oncum sairins for dominies in the baith stewartries relate in-sairin lear for dominies in Earse medium lear. It wis taen tent o anaa at farder niffers ar in plan for the 2009-2010 schuil yeir atween the Inspectorates o the baith Departments o Lear ettdle at the uphauld o the ongan oncum o inspection practice in the baith stewartries.

4.2.4 Meenisters taen tent o the progress made til thenou anent bringan on a framewark for a proponed jint program for the futur management an siller outgie o lear niffers. Thay taen tent o the ongan engagement atween the twa Departments an the North South Niffer Consortium an the Centre for Athort-mear Studies anaa.

DOMINIE QUALIFICATIONS

4.2.5 A presentation wis made frae the baith Co-Preses o the Staundan Comatee on Dominie Lear North an South (SCoTENS) pittan fore its dominie lear wark tae Meenisters, as taen tent o the din o the 2009 yeirle conference.

CHAPTER FOUR: NSMC Forgaithers In Sectoral Format

LEAR FOR BAIRNS WI BYORDINAR LEAR NEEDS

4.2.6 Meenisters gien a walcum tae the ongan progress o the sairins open at the Middletoun Centre for Autism forby the success o the Autistic Spectrum Disorders Conference helt on 13 November 2009 anent makkan Communication aible.

4.2.7 At the NSMC Plenarie Forgaither in December 2009, the Council gien a walcum tae the decession frae the Airis Govrenment for tae lift the hauld on capital siller outgie for the Middletoun Centre for Autism. The Council farder taen tent at the Meenister for Lear an Science an the Meenister for Lear is prononan tae busk an updated phased monie-yeir ploy for the futur oncum o the Centre along wi the Buird.

EUROPEAN STUDIES PROJECT

4.2.8 A presentation wis made tae Meenisters anent the daeins, achievements an futur ploys o the European Studies Project. The owreaa ettle o the European Studies Project is the encourage o co-operation atween pairttakkan students an wirkars an tae hae an inpit tae lear oncum in the braider dimension o the European Commontie wi giean students wittins anent social, economic an political maiters thenou an structur at national an European level.

Environment



Taen at the NSMC forgaither in the Environment sectoral format on 30 October ar John Gormley, TD, Meenister for the Environment, Heirship an Hamelie Govrenment, Margaret Ritchie, MLA, Meenister for Social Oncum an Edwin Poots, MLA, Meenister o the Environment

4.3.1 The NSMC forgaithert in Environment sectoral format on 20 Mairch in Dublin an on 30 October in Armagh. John Gormley, TD, Meenister for the Environment, Heirship an Hamelie Govrenment an Margaret Ritchie, MLA, Meenister for Social Oncum cam tae baith forgaithers. Sammy Wilson, MP, MLA, Meenister o the Environment cam tae the Mairch forgaither an Edwin Poots, MLA, Meenister o the Environment cam tae the October forgaither.

EU WATER FRAMEWORK ONCUM

4.3.2 The ongan progress anent the implement o the EU Watter Framework Directive relate claucht watters wis gien a walcum frae Meenisters. A speirins exercise wis taen on anent scrolls o Watters Howe Management Ploys for the three athort-mear international watter howe airts – the North Wastren, the Neagh Bann, an the Shannon. The ploys is for a-bringan tae an end in ere 2010. The focus will then muive frae the plannin phase tae the implement o the programs o meisurs as will be nott for tae win tae the ettles o the Directive. A

Strategic Environment Pruiw, wi jint outgie o siller, wis cairiet out alang wi the management ploys for tae pruiw the environmental follae-ons o the ploys an program o meisurs, an tae speir at fowk in this airt.

ENVIRONMENTAL DATABASES AN RESEARCH

4.3.3 The Environmental Fen Agentrie an the Norlin Airlan Environment Agentrie gien propones tae Meenisters, as wis greed, for the oncum o a lyke set environment indicators for furthset in 2011. The indicators will gie a haund wi the pruiw o trends for heid environment airts comprehendan the lift, climate, watter, laund, biodiversitie an affpit. The twa agentries is wirkan for a jint environment research paper at will be brocht tae Meenisters in 2010 an in this airt the agentries bes leukan owre the abeelitie tae mak the maist o access tae EU siller for environment leirin, comprehendan the Seivent Framework Program (FP7) an INTERREG.

CHAPTER FOUWER: NSMC Forgaithers In Sectoral Format

AFFPIT MANAGEMENT IN THE ATHORT-MEAR CONTEXT

4.3.4 At the baith forgaithers, Meenisters leukit owre progress anent wark ettlet at bringan about the bringin bak o no-legal aff-sat athort-mear affpit. A Framework Greeance wis greed frae the Environment Meenisters in Juin 2009 relate, in the first pairt, the remuive o no-legal aff-sat affpit at the twa forehaund steids, at Slattinagh, Co. Fermanagh an near Trillick, Co. Tyrone. This will mak the founs for daeins on the lave o the 20 steids. Work on thir twa steids is for a-stairtan in 2010. The Council gien a walcum tae the jint concertit enforce daeins as bes gan on wi the tairgetin o shipments o affpit an taen tent o futur ploys for daeins in this airt.

RECYCLABLE MATERIAL ONCUM PROGRAM

4.3.5 Meenisters gien a walcum tae the North South Mercat Oncum Steeran Curn anaa, at comprehends representars frae the business an the no-govrenment sectors, sat up for tae dryve foreairt a mercat oncum program for recyclable material. The Curn is leukan tae mak the maist o economies o scale in the mercat for sic materials in the baith stewardries wi its stairtan focus on forehaund affpit streams comprehendan organics, meat affpit, hame affpit plastics, biggin an demolition affpit. Meenisters haen an inlet for tae share views anent policie oncums anent ither affpit maiters comprehendan plastic bags an gum-for-chowan anaa.

Halh



Taen at the NSMC forgaither helt on 25 November is Michelle Gildernew, MP, MLA, Meenister o Agricultur an Laundart Oncum, Michael McGimpsey, MLA, Meenister o Halh, Social Sairins an Public Sauttie an Mary Harney, TD, Meenister for Halh an Bairns.

4.4.1 The NSMC met in Halh sectoral format in Dublin on 10 June an in Belfast on 25 November. Mary Harney, TD, Meenister for Halh an Bairns, Michael McGimpsey, MLA, Meenister o Halh, Social Sairins an Public Sauttie an Michelle Gildernew, MP, MLA, Meenister o Agricultur an Laundart Oncum cam tae the baith forgaithers. Barry Andrews, TD, Meenister for Bairns an Youth Daeins cam tae the Juin forgaither anaa.

H1N1 PLANNIN

4.4.2 Meenisters taen in progress dins anent the Swine Flu plannin an buskin an gien a walcum tae the reinge o co-operation an cleekin o wittins an plannin anent the Swine Flu atween officials an Meenisters in the baith stewardries an the structur as bes thar for the co-ordination anent maiters o lyke concern, as his sairt weel til thenou.

FEN O BAIRNS

4.4.3 Meenisters gien a walcum tae progress anent the implement o an NSMC Plenarie decesion for tae bring on a wark program for tae intensiffee co-operation anent

the fen o bairns. They also taen in updates anent the wark o the athort-mear Fen o bairns Curn an its unner curns comprehendan the niffer o wittins anent internet sauttie an social netwirkan steids; the wark til the upset o a jint protocol anent bairns in caur, or anent the fen o bairns register, as gaes wantan; an bairns flittan athort the mear, whaur thar concerns; the progress anent bringan on a jint scroll o a communication strategie an leaflets wi rede anent whit tae dae an scunnert for a bairn, an anent sauffer ontak procedurs for employars; the wark til mair greater co-operation anent fen o bairns leirin an ken transfer an the hauldin o a successfu vettin an barrin confereence on 11 November. The ongan collaborative wark athin the baith stewardries anent the management o sex offendars wis gien a walcum anaa.

CANCER RESEARCH

4.4.4 Meenisters leukit owre ongan co-operation anent cancer leirin, gien a walcum tae the onpit intae Norlin Airlan o a Trinity College Dublin project anent the human papilloma disease an the upset o an aa-islan gene librar. They gien a walcum tae ongan clinical pruiws an leirin at hamelie, athort-mear an international levels anaa, an

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taen tent o progress in plannin for the upset o a biobank for medical leirin in the baith stewardries, an kennan recognising the challenge o bringan fore thir ploys in the economic climate thenou.

HALTH FORDER

4.4.5 Meenisters talkit owre the forehaund ettles for the halth forder on the founs o a paper buskit frae the Institute o Public Halth an greed at futur forehaund airts for co-operation will tak tent o feasibilitie an sustainabeelitie.

SUICIDE FENDIN

4.4.6 The Council gien a walcum tae the braidd reinge co-operation anent suicide fendin comprehendan the upset o revised media guidelines an the remuive o mear airt roamin chairges wi O2 tae the Crisis Repone Helpline.

PAEDIATRIC CONGENITAL CARDIAC SAIRINS

4.4.7 The Council gien a walcum tae the stairtin o a Sairin Level Greeance atween the Halth an Social Caur

Buirid an Our Ladys Bairns Spital in Crumlin, Dublin for tae uphault outgie o paediatric congenital cardiac sairins.

RADIOTHERAPIE

4.4.8 Meenisters taen tent at the lyke tymetable for the oncum o a new unner regional radiotherapie centre at the Altnagelvin Spital an gien a walcum tae the upset o an athort-mear unner curn for tae gie rede anent caur padweys for the new facilitie takkan tent o capaceetie for patients frae the Countie Donegal

EU SILLER FOR HALTH AN SOCIAL CAUR SAIRINS

4.4.9 The Council gien a walcum tae the awaurd frae the Byordinar European Union Programs Curn o £24 million (aroun €30 million) for halth an social caur sairins unner the INTERREG IVA Program. The project is for a-heidan jint frae the baith Halth Depairtments an gien out awnan thaim frae Co-operation an Wirkan Thegither (CAWT).

Tourism



Meenister o Enterprise Trade an Investment, Arlene Foster, MLA, gies a walcum tae a curn German traivel agents tae the Pairlament Biggins.

4.5.1 Tourism Airlan Ltd haes responsibility for the mercatin in fremmit launds o the islan o Airlan bean a tourist destination. Tourism Airlan haes a Buird o 12 members taen on frae the NSMC. The Preses an Preses Depute o the Buird is Mr Hugh Friel an Ms Ciara Boyle. The Buird members thenou kythes in Annex Three. The Heid Executive o Tourism Airlan is Mr Niall Gibbons. Farder details kythes at www.tourismireland.com.

NSMC FORGAIHERS

4.5.2 The NSMC forgaihert in Tourism sectoral format in Dublin on 1 Apryle an in Clogher on 16 December. Martin Cullen, TD, Meenister for the Airts, Sport an Tourism an Arlene Foster, MLA, Meenister o Enterprise, Trade an Investment cam tae the baith forgaihers. Michelle Gildernew, MP, MLA, Meenister o Agricultur an Laundart Oncum cam tae the Apryle forgaihert an Junior Meenister Gerry Kelly, MLA, cumman tae the December forgaihert.

4.5.3 At thir forgaihers Meenisters taen in updates anent the wark o Tourism Airlan an the gey sweir global economic conditions as haen a negative impact on

tourism performance in 2009. They talkit owre the outcums o Tourism Airlans owreleuk o European Mercats an taen tent at the heid strategic approach will re-focus on an mak forehaund thae source mercats as bids the best potential for Airlan tae big up veesitant flaws. They talkit owre Tourism Airlans owrelauk o the Gret Britain mercat anaa, comprehendan the ten pynt Action Ploy at bes designed for tae mak siccar at veesitant nummers frae Gret Britain cums bak tae growth in the short term.

4.5.4 Meenisters gien a walcum tae the deceesion o the Central Statistics Office for tae gae on wi the Househald Travel Survey on updatet founs, taen tent o the ongan cooperation atween the Norlin Airlan Tourist Buird an the Central Statistics Office an the Norlin Airlan Kintra o Bide Survey forby the upset o a new Tourism Statistics Liaison Curn wi representars frae tourism an statistical agentries in the baith stewardries.

4.5.5 The outgan Heid Executive o Tourism Airlan, Mr. Paul O'Toole, wis gien thenks for his work an Meenisters gien a walcum tae the ontak o Mr. Niall Gibbons follaeen on. They taen in the resignation o Mr. Tom McGrath frae

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the Buid o Tourism Airlan anaa, gien him thanks for his inpit tae the wark o the Buid an gien appruive tae the ontak o Mr. Howard Hastings bean a Director.

BUSINESS PLOY AN HOUSEHAULD

4.5.6 The Council taen tent at Tourism Airlan hid apploed efficiencie hainins tae its 2009 Househauld gan wi guiding gien out frae the baith Finance Depairtments. The 2009 Business Ploy wis gien appruive an the Council gien a recommend at the 2009 househauld outgie o £55.652m (€71.349m) for Tourism Airlan.

Transport



Taen at the stairt o the jint upheld car cleekin wabsteid for the North West airt is Conor Murphy, MP, MLA, Meenister for Regional Oncum an Noel Dempsey, TD, Meenister for Transport

4.6.1 The NSMC forgaithert in Transport sectoral format in Larne on 3 Apryle an in Burt on 4 November. Noel Dempsey, TD, Meenister for Transport an Conor Murphy, MP, MLA, Meenister for Regional Oncum cam tae the baith forgaithers. Sammy Wilson, MP, MLA, Meenister o the Environment cam tae the Apryle forgaither an his follae-on bean Meenister o the Environment, Edwin Poots, MLA, cam tae the November forgaither.

4.6.2 At the forgaithers, Meenisters taen tent o an gien a walcum tae the inlet for tae talk owre athort-mear co-operation relate Strategic Transport Plannin an Raa Sauttie.

ROADS

4.6.3 Meenisters taen tent o the ongan progress on the A5 (Aughnacloy tae the North West) an A8 (Belfast-Larne) raa projects an at contractor/designars wis for a-takkan on for the baith projects gin late Hairst 2009 an at a payment o €9m wis made frae the Meenister for Transport tae the NA Consolidate Fund gan wi the greed procedur. The braid warks in progress for tae upgrade the A4 atween Dungannon an Augher wis taen tent o;

forby taen tent o wis a route outwale din ay daen for the N16 Manorhamilton tae Glencar Scheme (16km) at bes wi the National Raas Owreance for its appruive. Meenisters talkit owre the propones helt in the Department for Regional Oncum Investment Deliverie Ploy for Raas for tae pit forth bypasses o Inniskillen an Fyvemiletoun an taen tent o the furthset o the din anent the 'Analysis o the Need for the Upgrade o the N16/A4 Route', commeesioned jint frae the Fermanagh District Council an the Sligo Countie Council.

RAA SAUFTIE

4.6.4 Amang raas sauftie maiters happit, Meenisters taen tent o the bakgrund an the poseetion thenou anent new nether drink dryve leemits in the baith stewardries an greed at the abeeltie for a co-ordinate approach tae the inbring o new leemits sud be pruiwed. Thay talkit owre the poseetion thenou anent raa deiths in ilka stewardrie an taen tent o the Declaration made tae the EU relate a twa-wey appleein o the Convention on the Lyke Kennin o Dryvin Disqualifications atween the UK an Airlan at will cum operational in late Januar 2010.

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4.6.5 Progress wis leukit owre on the raa sauttie strategies as bes thar thenou, an anent a new strategie for Norlin Airlan. Meenisters leukit owre the ongan cooperation atween the baith stewardries in the airts o advertisin an publeecitie, research an enforce. They taen tent o the furthset frae the Depairtment o Transport o the National Cycle Policie Framewark anaa, bean a follae-up tae the Smairter Traivel policie an at the Depairtment for Regional Oncum anaa, wi its TravelWise ploy, active forders the waakin, the cyclin, the public transport an the car cleekin tae businesses, commutars an schuils.

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

4.6.6 Meenisters taen tent at the Depairtment for Regional Oncum haes stairtit up an owreleuk o the Regional Transportation Strategie for tae mak siccar mair sustainable transport arryngements an at hit his sat a din furth pittan fore greenhouse gas emissions frae transport. They taen tent anaa at officials bes engagean positive anent the sustainable transport agenda an bes takkan fore initiatives as unnerlines the aa-islán dimension.

4.6.7 The Council wis gien wittins at a jint uphelt car cleekin wabsteid for the North West airt wis wirkan an wis lyke a-stairtan up formal afore the Yule.

BRIGS

4.6.8 Meenisters taen tent at the Monaghan Countie Council his taen on a contractor for tae tak on the replacain o the twa brigs on the Tyrone Monaghan mear an wark sud be aa by in the Winter 2010. They taen tent anaa at the Louth Countie Council is ongan for tae tak on a farder pruiw o the proponed Narrae Watter Brig project.

FRECHT FORUM

4.6.9 Gan on frae the furthset frae InterTradelreland o the study “Frecht Transport Din for the Islán Airlán”, the Council greed at the Apryle forgaither at the Depairtment o Transport an the Depairtment for Regional Oncum sud co-operate in the organisin o a Frecht Forum. At the December forgaither it wis taen tent at, bean a first step in the organisin o a Frecht Forum, the necessar Depairtments will jint organise a forgaither o heid stakehouldars in the frecht sector in ere December 2009 for tae identifee forehaund maiters for a-thinkan on frae the Forum. Thir forehaund maiters is for a-thinkan on geyn guid frae wirkan curns comprehendan representars o heid stakehouldars an aefauld bodies wi an interest in the forder o a sustainable frecht sector athort the islán.

COMMONTIE BASED LAUNDART TRANSPORT

4.6.10 The Council taen tent at wark bes ongan on a commontie foundit laundart transport pilot in the Fermanagh/Cavan mear airt gan wi the greed project ploy/schedule, at the Depairtments bes satisfied the outcums will be a-dae wi the thocht gien tae the athort-mear transport an social inclusion maiters an leukit foreairt tae a fou din a-giean out tae a futur NSMC forgaither.

RAIL

4.6.11 Meenisters talkit owre progress on the Dublin/Belfast rail cleek. They taen tent o the poseition anent the Malahide Viaduct dounfaa an greed at the baith companies, Iarnród Éireann an Norlin Airlán Railweys, will gae on wi the wark for tae recuiver passenger nummers efter the re-stairt o the sairin. They greed anaa at the finance implications o the propones for tae big up the reliabeelitie o trains on the line be leukit owre wi a view tae the inpit o a reconfigurt fleet sae suin as aible.

Aquacultur an Marine



Taen at the NSMC forgaither in Aquacultur an Marine sectoral format on 20 July is Conor Lenihan, TD, Meenister o State for Natural Graith, Eamon Ryan, TD, Meenister for Communications, Energie an Natural Graith, Michelle Gildernew,, MP, MLA, Meenister o Agricultur an Laundart Oncum, Ian Titterington, Director Depute CAFRE an Junior Meenister Robin Newton, MLA

Bakgrund

4.7.1 The NSMC forgaithers on Aquacultur an Marine maiters for tae tak decesions anent policies an daeins for implement frae the Foyle Cairlinford an Airis Lichts Commeesion (FCILC). The FCILC haes a Buird o 12 members taen on frae the NSMC at taks on the functions o the Curn relate the Foyle an Cairlinford airts wi the Loughs Agentrie. The Preses an Preses Depute o the Buird ar Mr Tarlach O Crosain an Ms Jacqui McConville. The Buird members thenou kythes in Annex Three. The Heid Executive o the Loughs Agentrie is Mr Derick Anderson. Farder details kythes at www.loughs-agency.org.

NSMC FORGAITHERS

4.7.2 The NSMC forgaithert in Aquacultur an Marine sectoral format in Cairlinford on 30 Apryle, in Greenmount on 20 July an in Dublin on 18 November. Eamon Ryan, TD, Meenister for Communications, Energie an Natural Graith, Conor Lenihan, TD, Meenister o State for Natural Graith an Michelle Gildernew, MP, MLA, Meenister o Agricultur an Laundart Oncum cam tae aa three forgaithers. Junior Meenister Jeffrey

Donaldson, MP, MLA cam tae the April forgaither an Junior Meenister Robin Newton, MLA, cam tae the forgaithers in July an November.

PROGRESS DINS AN PRESENTATIONS

4.7.3 Meenisters taen in progress dins frae the Preses an the Heid Executive anent the wark o the Loughs Agentrie. Thir comprehendit the implement o its Marine Tourism Oncum Strategie wi the rowe-out o the projects upheld frae INTERREG IV an a din anent the proactive watter qualitie pruiw program being taen on frae the Agentrie in the Foyle an Cairlinford catchments. Meenisters taen tent at this science-led approach bes cam out o a muckle avantage tae the Agentrie, an consairan an fennan the inlan fisheries o Foyle an Cairlinford. Thay gien a walcum tae the Agentries ongan collaboration wi industrie pairtners an ither agentries anaa, forby its engagement wi stakehouldars in cairiean out its wark.

4.7.4 Dins wis gien Meenisters anent the successfu cairiein out o anglin oncum events an anent the deliverie

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o the Marine Monitor Vessel, the Ostrea, wi the uphauld o EU Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidin Siller.

4.7.5 Meenisters taen in a report anent a jint research project commeesioned frae the Loughs Agentrie anaa, an taen on wi the Queens Vairsitie, Belfast an the Marine Institute intae the genetic population structur o Foyle saamon an stock composeetion o the commercial fisherie. Thay taen tent at the science pairtneries upsat owre this project his haen a heid role in the oncum o a muckle aa-Europe research project anent the uiss o genetic techniques for tae identifee origins o saamon fung at sea (SALSEA).

LOUGHS AGENTRIE REGULATIONS

4.7.6 At the forgaithers, fyve sets o rules nott for the consair an fen o the fisheries in the Foyle an Cairlinford airts wis gien appruive. Thir comprehends the Foyle Airt an Cairlinford Airt (Licensin o Fishin Engines) (Amendment) Regulations 2009; the Foyle Airt (Owreance o Oyster Fishin) (Amendment) Regulations 2009; the Foyle Airt an Cairlinford Airt (Consair o Eels) Regulations 2009; the Foyle Airt an Cairlinford Airt (Anglin) (Amendment) Regulations 2009; the Foyle Airt an Cairlinford Airt (Coarse Anglin) Regulations 2009.

NOTT REGULATIONS

4.7.7 The Council greed at, an it bean nott, it is necessar at the Loughs Agentrie be gien a haund an takkan strecht-aff action whaur necessar an gien appruive for a tyme o ae yeir a procedur for the appruive o nott regulations.

SAAMON FISHERMENS COMPENSATION SCHEME

4.7.8 Gan on frae an ere deceesion, Meenisters taen tent o the completion o the deliverie o the Haurdship Package for the rationalisation o commercial saamon fishin.

BUSINESS PLOY AN HOUSEHAULD

4.7.9 The Council taen tent at the Foyle, Cairlinford an Airis Lichts Commeesion his appleed efficiencie hainins tae its 2009 Househauld gan wi guidin sat furth frae the baith Finance Deapartments. The 2009 Business Ploy wis gien appruive an the Council gien recommends the 2009 househauld outgie o £5.1817m (€6.643m) for the Foyle Cairlinford an Airis Lichts Commeesion.

Meat Saughtie



Taen at the start-up o the Demonstration Program o Commontie Meat Initiatives, gien siller frae safefood, is (K tae R) Martin Higgins, Heid Executive, safefood, John Dardis, Preses, safefood Buid o rede, Dr Michael McBride, Norlin Airlans Heid Medical Officear an Marjo Moonen, Preses, Sain Meat for Aa.

MEAT SAUGHTIE FORDER BUID

BAKGRUND

4.8.1 The NSMC forgaithers anent Meat Saughtie maiters for tae tak decessions anent policies an actions for implement frae the Meat Saughtie Forder Buid (FSPB). FSPB wirks unner the brand identifeear “safefood”. Hit haes a Buid o Rede o 12 members, taen on frae the NSMC, forehaund caad on for the forder o meat saughtie an giean uphauld tae scientific co-operation atween institutions wirkan in thon field. Mr John Dardis an Mr Campbell Tweedie is Preses an Preses Depute o the Buid. The Buid members thenou kythes in Annex Three. The Heid Executive o safefood is Mr Martin Higgins. Farder details kythes at www.safefood.eu

NSMC FORGAITHERS

4.8.2 The NSMC forgaithert in the Meat Saughtie sectoral format in Dublin on 10 Juin an in Belfast on 25 November. Mary Harney, TD, Meenister for Halth an Bairns, Michael McGimpsey, MLA, Meenister o Halth, Social Sairins an Public Saughtie an Michelle Gildernew,

MP, MLA, Meenister o Agricultur an Laundart Oncum cam tae the baith forgaithers. Barry Andrews, TD, Meenister for Bairns an Youth Daeins cam tae the Juin forgaither anaa.

4.8.3 At thir forgaithers the Meenisters taen in Progress Dins frae the Preses, Preses Depute an Heid Executive. Thir comprehendit progress made anent the oncum o an Obesity Action Forum, the reinge o forder daeins taen on frae safefood comprehendan a campaign in collaboration wi the Airis Hairt Foundation an the Norlin Airlan Chest Hairt an Stroke Foundation for tae heft awaur anent bringan doun dietarie saat.

ENTERIC REFERENCE SAIRIN

4.8.4 A presentation anent propones for the oncum o an enteric reference sairin for the islan Airlan wis made tae Meenisters. Thay taen tent the Sponsor Departments recommend at, gien public expenditure conditions thenou, safefood sudna commeesion an economic analysis an sud pit bak onie farder wark anent the oncum o enteric reference sairins.

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SCIENTIFIC REDE COMATEE

4.8.5 Meenisters taen tent at the term o office o the Scientific Rede

Comatee (SAC) wis for rinnan out on 31 December 2009 thenou, an gien thair thanks tae the outgan members. Thay taen tent o safefoods propone for a revised structur for the incumman SAC an at nominations for the new SAC will be brocht foreairt for a-thinkan on at a futur NSMC forgaither.

BUSINESS PLOY AN HOUSEHAULD

4.8.6 The Council taen tent at the Meat Sauttie Forder Buirid hid appleeed efficiencie hainins tae its 2009 Househauld gan wi guidin put fore frae the baith Finance Depairtments. The 2009 Business Ploy wis gien appruive an the Council gien a recommend for the 2009 househauld outgie o £7.664m (€9.826m) for the Meat Sauttie Forder Buirid.

Inlan Watterweys



Taen at the official openin o Watterweys Airlans Heidbiggins in Inniskillen is, frae kerr tae richt, Michelle Gildernew, MP, MLA, Meenister o Agricultur an Laundart Oncum, Gregory Campbell, MP, MLA, Meenister o Cultur, the Airts an Leisur, John Martin, Heid Executive, Watterweys Airlan. Éamon Ó Cuív TD, Meenister for Commontie, Laundart an Gaeltacht Daeins.

WATTERWEYS AIRLAN

BAKGRUND

4.9.1 Watterweys Airlan haes responsibilitie for the management, uphaul, oncum an restore o the inlan navigable watterwey seistems athort the islan, forehaund for recreational ettles. Thenou hit haes responsibilitie for the follaeen watterweys: Barrae Navigation, Erne Seistem, Grand Canal, Nether Bann Navigation, Royal Canal, Shannon-Erne Watterwey an Shannon Navigation cumman tae aroun 1,000km o navigable watterweys. Watterweys Airlan haes responsibilitie forby for the restore o the section o the Ulster Canal atween Clones an Upper Lough Erne an, efter restore, for its management, uphaul an oncum. The Heid Executive o Watterweys Airlan is Mr John Martin. Farder details kythes at www.waterwaysireland.org

NSMC FORGAIHERS

4.9.2 The NSMC forgaithert in Inlan Watterweys sectoral format in Inniskillen on 16 Januar, in Gaoth Dobhair on 9 July an in Belfast on 2 December. Éamon Ó Cuív, TD, Meenister for Commontie, Laundart an Gaeltacht Daeins cam tae aa thir forgaithers. Gregory Campbell, MP, MLA, Meenister o Cultur Airts an Leisur an Michelle Gildernew, MP, MLA, Meenister o Agricultur an Laundart Oncum cam tae the Januar forgaither. Nelson McCausland, MLA, Meenister o Cultur, Airts an Leisur an Caitriona Ruane, MLA, Meenister for Lear cam tae the July forgaither. Meenister McCausland, an Conor Murphy, MP, MLA, Meenister for Regional Oncum, cam tae the December forgaither.

4.9.3 At ilkane o the forgaithers, Meenisters taen in a progress din frae the Heid Executive anent the daeins o Watterweys Airlan. Thay taen tent at atween Januar an October 2009, Watterweys Airlan his gien out 99 metre o public muirins mair on the watterweys an o the biggin o the lave brig for tae cleek aince mair the Royal Canal tae the Shannon.

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NEW HEIDBIGGINS

4.9.4 The official openin o the new Watterweys Airlan Heidbiggins in Inniskillen cam aff in Januar 2009 an wis cairiet out frae Gregory Campbell, MP, MLA, Éamon Ó Cuív, TD, an Michelle Gildernew, MP, MLA. The new biggin taen in a sustainabeelitie awaurd in 2009 frae the Royal Institute o Chartert Surveyors.

MERCATIN

4.9.5 Meenisters gien a walcum tae the ongaein o Watterweys Airlans mercatin daeins wi the outgie o new furthsettins for the forder an uphauld o the uiss o the watterweys forby the sponsor o heid events in 2009.

ULSTER CANAL

4.9.6 Thay leukit owre progress on the restore o the Clones tae Upper Lough Erne Section o the Ulster Canal an taen tent at the Strategic Environment Pruiw is for a-cumman aa by afore the end o 2009 an the Environmental Impact Pruiw is due a-cumman aa by in July 2010 an at aa aible routes an options is for a-leukan owre.

SHANNON

4.9.7 Meenisters taen in a presentation anent Watterweys Airlans daeins on the Shannon watterwey an taen tent at syne 2000 Watterweys Airlan his biggit up the nummer muirins thar bi owre 50% an biggit up the nummer vessels on the Shannon bi owre 120%. The

Council talkit owre the snell fluidin at cam aff along the Shannon anaa, whaur never afore seen levels o watter wis mairkit.

ROYAL CANAL

4.9.8 The Council taen in a presentation anent the restore o the Royal Canal. The Council taen tent o the successfu enhance o the Royal Canal tae farder bring on access tae the watterweys an watterside daeins an tae pit in its cleek tae the Shannon.

PROPERTIE DISPONES

4.9.9 At the forgaithers Meenisters greed a nummer propertie dispones in the context o a reinge oncum propones on the watterweys.

BUSINESS PLOY AN HOUSEHAULD

4.9.10 The Council taen tent at Watterweys Airlan hid appleeid efficiencie hainins tae its 2009 Househauld gan wi guiding put out frae the twa Finance Depairtments. The 2009 Business Ploy wis gien appruive an the Council gien a recommend o the 2009 househauld outgie o €43,080,000 (£33,600,000) for Watterweys Airlan.

Language



Nelson McCausland, MLA, Meenister o Cultur, the Airts an Leisur an Éamon Ó Cuív, TD, Meenister for Commontie, Laundart an Gaeltacht Daeins taen at the North South Meenisterial Council Forgaither, in Langage sectoral format on 9 July.

THE NORTH SOUTH LANGAGE CURN (AN FORAS TEANGA/ THA BOORD O LEID)

BAKGRUND

4.10.1 The Langage Curn comprehends twa sindert agentries – The Earse Langage Agentrie/Foras na Gaeilge, an the Ulster-Scots Agentrie/Tha Boord O Ulstèr-Scotch. The Agentries fordors the Earse leid an Ulster Scots leid an cultur. The Buird o the Langage Curn is taen on frae the NSMC. The Preses o Foras na Gaeilge is Mr Liam Ó Maoilmhichíl. Owre 2009 Mark Thompson gien owre bean the Preses o Tha Boord O Ulstèr-Scotch. Meenisters wis thenkrif tae him for his wark an taen on Mr John Hunter for his replacement. Mr Ó Maoilmhichíl an Mr Hunter is jint Preses o the Langage Curn.

4.10.2 Thar 15 ithers members on the Buird o Foras na Gaeilge an 7 ithers members on the Buird o Tha Boord O Ulstèr-Scotch. Thir kythes in Annex Three. Mr Ferdie Mac an Fhailigh is the Heid Executive o Foras na Gaeilge an Ms Hazel Campbell is the Heid Executive The Whyle

o Tha Boord O Ulstèr-Scotch. Farder details kythes at www.forasnagaeilge.ie an www.ulsterscotsagency.com

NSMC FORGAIHERS

4.10.3 The NSMC cam thegither in Langage sectoral format on 16 Januar in Inniskillen, on 9 July in Gaoth Dobhair an on 2 December in Belfast. Éamon Ó Cuív, TD, Meenister for Commontie, Laundart an Gaeltacht Daeins cam tae thir forgaithers. Gregory Campbell, MP, MLA, Meenister o Cultur, the Airts an Leisur an Michelle Gildernew, MP, MLA, Meenister o Agricultur an Laundart Oncum cam tae the Januar forgaither. Nelson McCausland, MLA, Meenister o Cultur, the Airts an Leisur an Caitriona Ruane, MLA, Meenister for Lear cam tae the July forgaither. Meenister McCausland an Conor Murphy, MP, MLA, Meenister for Regional Oncum, cam tae the December forgaither.

4.10.4 Meenisters taen in progress dins at thir forgaithers as made mention o, amang ithers things, the ongan collaboration atween Foras na Gaeilge an the Ulster Scots Agentrie at comprehendit a reinge o lecturers anent “Aspects o our shared heirship”, the endin o a

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film in Earse anent the Ulster-Scots leid an cultur tae be braidcuist on TG4 an jint staunds at sindert events e.g. National Plowin Kempins an the Taa Ships event in Belfast. Ither projects brocht throu frae the Agentries comprehendit FÓN, a learnin frae new technologie project, at won a European Award for Langages, “The Langage Label”, on 26 September 2009 an the furthset o a new Ulster-Scots Agentrie Wabsteid on 15 October 2009.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME

4.10.5 Meenisters greed a chynged Financial Assistance Scheme for the Ulster-Scots Agentrie at gies out inlets for a reinge curns an aefauld bodies for tae tak doun finance uphauld frae the Agentrie for a reinge Ulster-Scots daeins.

OWRELEUK O HEID FUNDING

4.10.6 The Council gien a walcum tae the Foras na Gaeilge owreleuk o its core-fundit curns anaa, an greed at core-fundin o the Earse langage voluntar sector frae Foras na Gaeilge be chynged about for tae mak sicar a mair effective, streamlined an cost effective approach tae the outgie o siller in the sector.

YEIRLIE DIN AN ACCOUNTS

4.10.7 Meenisters taen tent at the 2005 Accounts for the North/South Langage Curn haes been put throu formal frae the baith C&AGs an is for a-signan strecht aff, an then put afore the necessar Housen at a tyme for a-greean atween the Sponsor Depairtments, an taen tent at progress is a-makkan anent the Yeirlie Dins an Accounts for the yeirs 2006, 2007 an 2008 anaa. Thay speirt efter a farder progress din at the neist NSMC forgaither in Langage sectoral format anaa.

BUSINESS PLOY AN HOUSEHAULD

4.10.8 The Council taen tent at the North/South Langage Curn hid appleed efficiencie hainins tae its 2009 Househauld gan wi guidin sat furth frae the baith Finance Depairtments. The 2009 Business Ploy wis put throu an the Council gien a recommend o the 2009 househauld outgie o £3,433,800 (€4,401,860) for the Ulster-Scots Agentrie an €20,300,540 (£15,834,421) for Foras na Gaeilge.

Byordinar EU Programs



Pictured are Finance Ministers Sammy Wilson, MP, MLA and Brian Lenihan, TD.

BYORDINAR EU PROGRAMS CURN (SEUPB)

BAKGRUND

4.11.1 The ettle o the SEUPB is the effective management o, an implement o siller programs awnan tae the baith Govrenments an the European Union ettlet at the deliver o social an economic impruivements tae the fowk in Norlin Airlan an Airlan wi athort-mear, athort-nation an inter-regional wirkin thegither. The Heid Executive o the SEUPB is Mr Pat Colgan.

4.11.2 The SEUPB is the Managein Owreance for the EU Program for Peace an Reconciliation (PEACE III) an the INTERREG IVA Program. Hit haes responsibilitie for the monitor an forder the Common Chaipter, the

strategic framawrk for athort-mear cooperation athort a braid reinge o sectors greed atween the baith Govrenments. The Curn haes responsibilitie for the North South elements o the Commontie Initiatives (LEADER +,

URBAN II, an EQUAL) in Airlan an Norlin Airlan. SEUPB will gie uphald tae North/South pairttakkin in INTERREG IVB Transnational Programs an the INTERREG IVC Interregional Program. Farder details kythes at www.seupb.org.

NSMC FORGAITHER

4.11.3 The NSMC forgaitert in Byordinar European Programs sectoral format on 8 September in Dublin. Brian Lenihan, TD, Meenister for Finance, Sammy Wilson, MP, MLA, Meenister for Finance an Personnel an Junior Meenister Gerry Kelly, MLA, cam tae this forgaiter.

4.11.4 At the forgaiter Meenisters taen in a progress din frae the Heid Executive anent the daeins o the Byordinar EU Programs Curn. In this it kythed at the PEACE II an INTERREG IIIA Programs wis efter winnan tae aa o thair yeirlie spendin tairgets up til 2007, the SEUPB haean put implement structur in for tae gie practical

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rede tae potential project applications tae INTERREG IVB an IVC an the progress made anent the oncum o the PEACE Network for tae cleek the experiences o PEACE siller outgie.

PEACE III

4.11.5 Meenisters taen tent o progress made anent PEACE III program implement. Projects gien appruive haes an owreaa househauld o €155.9 million.

Meenisters taen tent at the first 55 projects unner Theme 1.2, Kennin an Dealin wi the Past, wi its byordinar focus on veectims an survivars, is efter a-appruivan anaa. Meenisters taen tent anaa, at the SEUPB his engaged proactive wi unnerrepresentit curns, comprehendan the Protestant commontie, for tae mak sicar at aa commonties taks pair richtlie in the program.

4.11.6 The appruive o 14 Hamelie PEACE Action Ploys frae Hamelie Owreance clusters wi a allocation thegither o mair nor €55m wis taen tent o frae Meenisters anaa, as leukit foreairt tae thair implement.

INTERREG IVA

4.11.7 Meenisters taen tent at til thenou the INTERREG IVA Program (Norlin Airlan/Airlan/Scotlan) his gien appruive tae 34 projects o the vailye o €150.9 million an aa projects gien appruive is in a poseetion for tae gie out siller along wi thair letter o biddin greences. Sic projects comprehends Project Kelvin, an ICT infrastructur initiative for the enhance o braidband cleekin in the North West at his taen in €30 million. The Council taen tent o the fou pairttakkin o hamelie owreance foundit curns in the Program anaa, an Scotlans fou pairttakkin in the Program. Til thenou 13 projects wi Scottis pairtners haes appruive.

BUSINESS PLOY AN HOUSEHAULD

4.11.8 The Council taen tent at the SEUPB hid appled efficiencie hainins tae its 2009 Househauld gan wi guidin sat furth frae the twa Finance Department. The 2009 Business Ploy wis gien appruive an the Council gien a recommend for the 2009 househauld outgie o £2,930,000 (€3,750,000) for the SEUPB.

Trade an Business Oncum



InterTradeIreland Preses David Dobbin an Heid Executive Liam Nellis taen at the Economic Forum in Juin at the Farmleigh House, Dublin.

BAKGRUND

4.12.1 The Trade an Business Oncum Curn kent as InterTradeIreland wis sat up for the niffer o wittins cleekin o the wark anent trade, business oncum an relate maiters, in airts whaur the baith admeenistrations pairticular gree hit wad be in thair lyke interest. InterTradeIreland haes a Buid o 12 members taen on frae the NSMC. Thir kythes in Annex Three. The Preses an Preses Depute o the Buid o InterTradeIreland is Dr David Dobbin an Mr John Fitzgerald. The Heid Executive is Mr Liam Nellis. Farder details kythes at www.intertradeireland.com.

NSMC FORGAITHERS

4.12.2 The NSMC forgaithert in Trade an Business Oncum sectoral format in Dublin on 8 July an in Clogher on 16 December. Mary Coughlan, TD, Tánaiste an Meenister for Enterprise, Trade an Employ an Arlene Foster, MLA, Meenister o Enterprise, Trade an Investment cam tae baith thir forgaithers. Conor

Murphy, MP, MLA, Meenister for Regional Oncum cam tae the July forgaither an Junior Meenister Gerry Kelly, MLA, cam tae the December forgaither.

4.12.3 At the forgaithers Meenisters taen in progress dins frae the Heid Executive anent the daeins o InterTradeIreland (ITI). Thir comprehendit wittins anent the generate o £61.2m/€78.5m business oncum vailye an the pairttakkin o 328 firms on InterTradeIreland's Program an Networks. Meenisters taen in presentations frae the Preses on the strategic owreleuk undertaen frae the ITI Buid anaa.

4.12.4 Meenisters gien rouse tae the series o 'Time for Business' raashaws aa ITI hid helt athort the islan o Airlan at wittins wis gien tae SMEs anent the sairins open tae thaim frae ITI at, an at ITI hid sat up a new First Stop Shop sairin wi the ettle o giean a haund tae businesses athort the a baith stewardries on athort-mear trade maiters. The Council gien a walcum anaa tae

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the fact at ITI his been bringan on new ideas an ploys relate the science, technologie an innovation.

CO-OPERATION ANENT RESEARCH AN ONCUM

4.12.5 Meenisters taen tent o a paper sat furth frae InterTradelreland anent Co-operation anent Research an Oncum at gies an outline o economic pairtnerie, haulds forehaund daeins comprehendan the US-Airlan-Norlin Airlan R&D Pairtnerie an the European dimension (FP7) an possibilities for the baith stewardries wirkan thegither for tae mak the maist o the drawdown o EU siller (no needan match siller). Thay gien a walcum tae the US-Airlan Research an Oncum Pairtnerie approach ettlet at the upbig o the level o co-operation amang leirars athort US-Airlan-Norlin Airlan, comprehendan the developments til thenou. Meenisters taen tent o inlets for farder collaboration anaa, comprehendan: the oncum o an ere alert seistem for potential Seivent Framewark Program propones; the identifeein o airts whaur baith Norlin Airlan an Airlan

haes claucht interests an ken; an the makkin uiss o InterTradelreland's Research Connections Program. Meenisters speirt efter a din anent progress for a-giean out tae a futur NSMC forgaither.

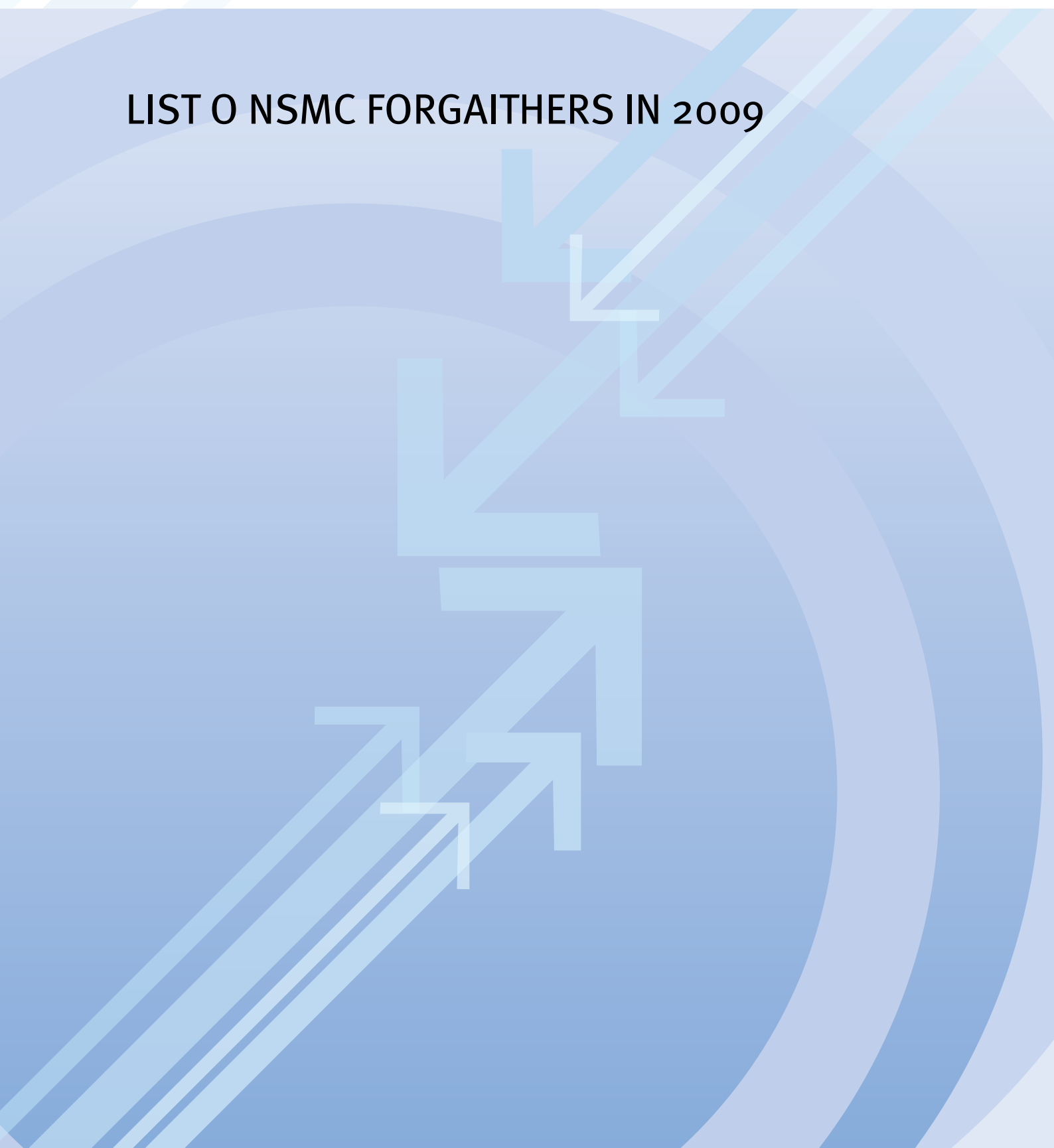
4.12.6 Meenisters taen in a din anent an event helt bi the US Ambassador tae Airlan at his residence for tae tak tent o the first fouwer successfu projects unner the US-Airlan Research & Oncum Pairtnerie, comprehendan the presentation o awaurds tae leirars as bes efter a-giean siller.

BUSINESS PLOY AN HOUSEHAULD

4.12.7 The Council taen tent at InterTradelreland hid appleeid efficiencie hainins tae its 2009 Househauld gan wi guidin gien out frae the baith Finance Depairtments. The 2009 Business Ploy wis gien appruive an the Council gien a recommend anent the 2009 househauld outgie o £10,781,550 for InterTradelreland.

ANNEX AE

LIST O NSMC FORGATHERS IN 2009



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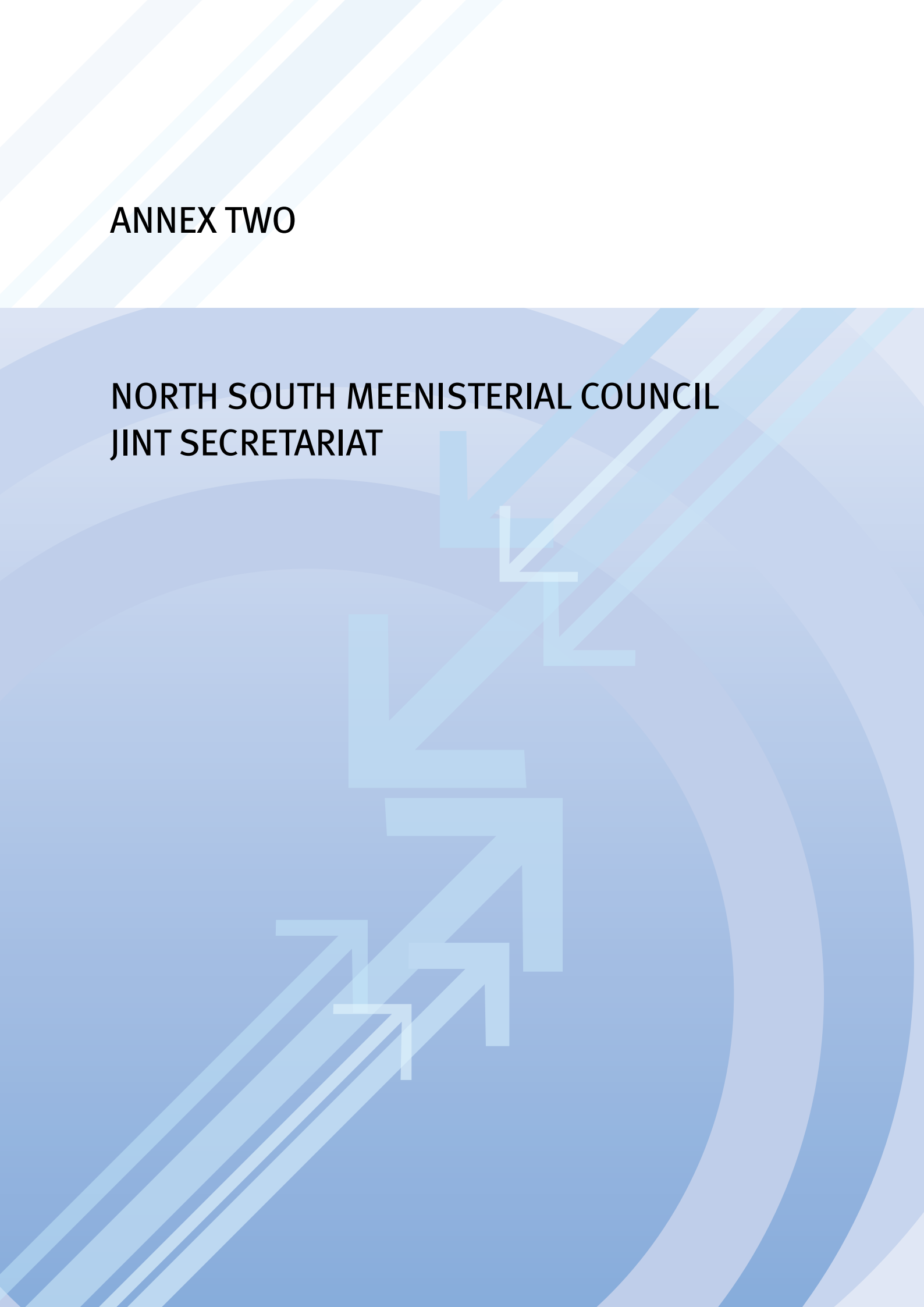
LIST OF NSMC MEETINGS IN 2009

The following table shows the NSMC meetings which were held during 2009:

NSMC Forgaither	Date	Location
Plenarie	23 January	University o Ulster at Magee
	6 July	Dublin
	14 December	Limavady
Institutional	28 Apryle	Dublin
	11 November	Stormont
Agricultur	20 Mairch	Dublin
	21 July	Greenmount
	18 November	Dublin
Lear	20 Mey	Middletoun
	25 November	Dublin
Environment	20 Mairch	Dublin
	30 October	Armagh
Halth & Meat Sauffie	10 Juin	Dublin
	25 November	Belfast
Tourism	1 Apryle	Dublin
	16 December	Clogher
Transport	3 Apryle	Larne
	4 November	Burt
Aquacultur & Marine	30 Apryle	Cairlinford
	20 July	Greenmount
	18 November	Dublin
Inlan Watterweys	16 Januar	Inniskillen
	9 July	Gaoth Dobhair
	2 December	Belfast
Langage	16 Januar	Inniskillen
	9 July	Gaoth Dobhair
	2 December	Belfast
Byordinar European Programs	8 September	Dublin
Trade & Business Oncum	8 July	Dublin
	16 December	Clogher

ANNEX TWO

NORTH SOUTH MEENISTERIAL COUNCIL JOINT SECRETARIAT



ANNEX TWO: North South Meenisterial Council Jint Secretariat

The North South Meenisterial Council (NSMC) is upheld wi a staundan Jint Secretariat wi wirkars frae the Norlin Airlan Civil Sairin an the Airis Civil Sairin. The Office o the First Meenister an First Meenister depute (OFMDFM) is the parent Department o the Norlin Airlan civil servants an the Department Fremmit Daeins (DFA) is the parent Department o the Airis civil servants.

Mary Bunting is the Norlin Jint Secretar an Tom Hanney is the Soudrin Jint Secretar. The Jint Secretars Depute is Pat Donaghy (Norlin) an Bill Nolan (Soudrin). Bill taen owre frae Niall Holohan in September 2009.

FUNCTIONS

The functions o the Jint Secretariat comprehends:

- arryngan the schedule o Council forgaithers in differan formats;
- makkan sicar political/Meenisterial fore-greeance tae agendas for forgaithers o the Council;
- buskan or commeesionan screeds for forgaithers o the Council, comprehendan relate its wark program;
- makkan a scroll o jint communiques an records o decesions o the Council;

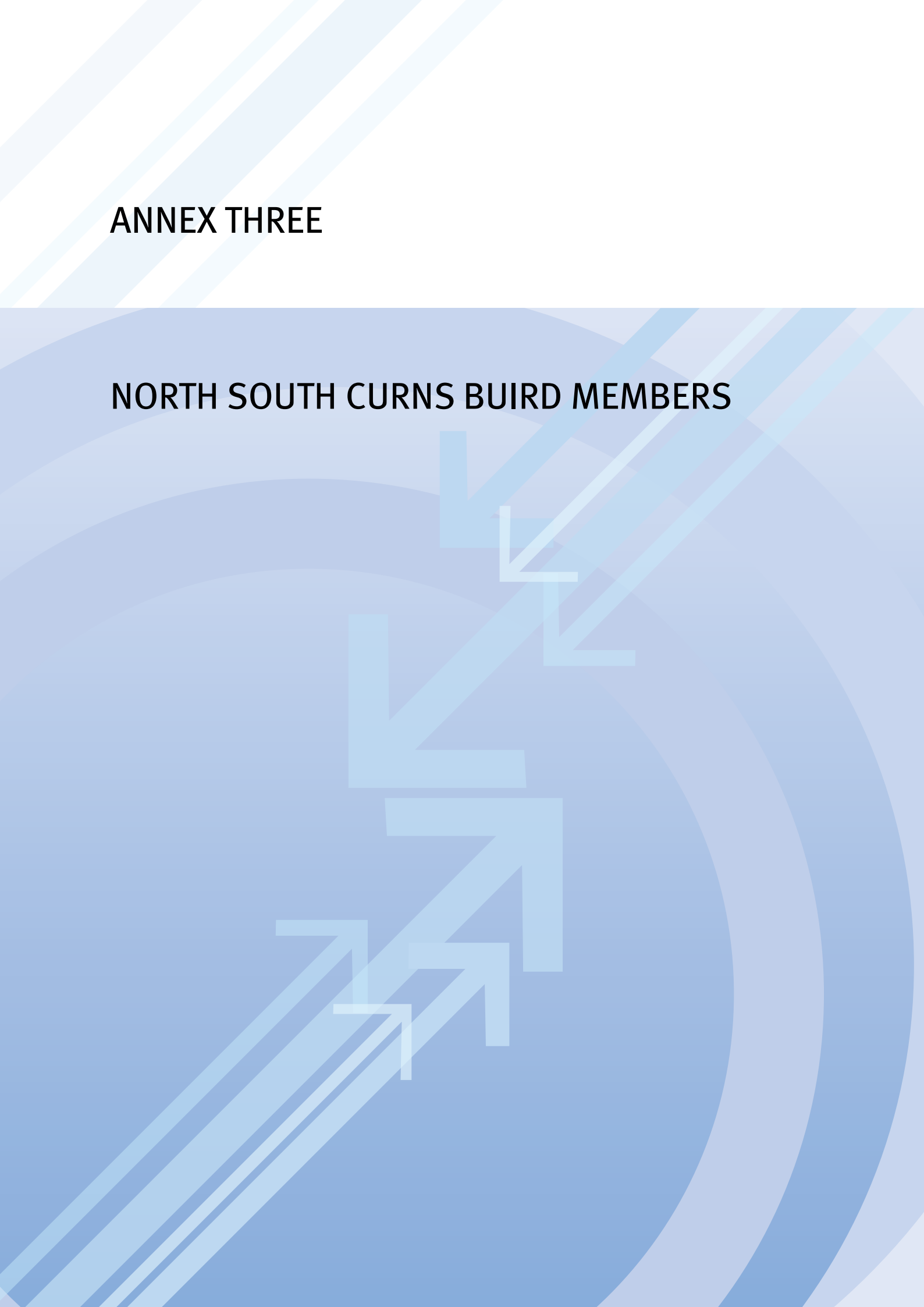
- communicatan decesions o the Council an monitoran thair implement;
- makkan a scroll o the yeirlie din anent whit bes a-dae wi the Council;
- bean a channel o communication wi Implement Curns an facilitatan thair oncum;
- cumman thegither, an appropriate, throu the designate Department or Office in aither stewartrie, wi the Secretariat o the Brits-Earse Intergovenment Confeerance, wi the Secretariat o the Brits-Earse Council an wi the North/South jint parlamentar forum an undependan speirin forum an sat up; an
- cairiean out sic tasks the Council cud be for.

SILLER

Wirkar sillar cums frae OFMDFM an DFA. Aa ither costs associate wi the Jint Secretariat an the NSMC bes claucht atween the baith admeenistrations. The sillar for the rinnin o the Jint Secretariat in 2009 cam tae £1,686,380/€1,883,508.

ANNEX THREE

NORTH SOUTH CURNS BUIRD MEMBERS



ANNEX TWO: North South Curns Buid Members

MEAT SAUFTIE FORDER BUIRD BUIRD O REDE

John Dardis (Preses)
Campbell 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 LANGAGE CURN FORAS NA GAELIGE

Liam Ó Maoilmhichíl
(Preses o Foras na Gaelige/
Jint Preses o An Foras Teanga)
Eoghan Mac Cormaic (Preses Depute)
Áine Andraes
Lucilita Breathnach
Seanna Breathnach
Adelaide Nic Cárthaigh
Peter Gallagher Taen on July 2009
Máiréad Nic Giolla Mhichíl
Norman Henry
Liam Kennedy
Éamonn Kinch
Marcas Mac Ruairi
Dónal Ó Bearra
Pádraic Ó Bidadha
Diarmuid Ó Murchú
Caoilfhionn Nic Pháidín

THA BOORD O ULSTÈR SCOTCH

Mark Thompson (Past Preses) Gien owre July 2009
John Hunter Taen on December 2009
(Preses o Tha Boord o Ulstèr-Scotch/
Jint Preses o North South Langage Curn)
Ian Adamson
Tony Crooks Taen on December 2009
Angela Graham
William Humphrey
William Leathem
Jacqui Reed
Aileen Douglas Gien owre September 2009
William Roulston Gien owre November 2009

THE FOYLE, CAIRLINFORD AN AIRIS LICTS COMMEESION

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

THE TRADE 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 Taen on December 2009

Tom Scott

Rosaleen Doherty Gien owre November 2009

TOURISM AIRLAN LIMITED

Hugh Friel (Preses)

Ciara Boyle (Preses Depute)

Brian Ambrose

Howard Hastings Taen on 1 Apryle 2009

David Lyle

Robert Manson

Mandy Martin

Bill McGinnis

Moira McNamara

John Power

Shaun Quinn

Ann Riordan

