

**Minutes of Board Meeting of
Strategic Investment Board Limited (the Company)**

**Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company held at 10:35am 19th July
2006
At Workplace 2010, the Gas Works, Belfast**

Present: Tony Watson (Chairman)
David Dobbin
David Gavaghan (DG)
Brett Hannam (BH)
James Stewart

In attendance: John McMillen (Observer)
Bruce Robinson (Observer)
Karen Steele

Apologies: Nigel Hamilton
James Stewart

1 Previous Minutes and Other

The 19th June Board Minutes were approved.

The Chairman explained that Greg Sparks had resigned from the Board of the Company, with effect from 1st July. The Board warmly thanked Greg for his contribution and it was agreed that Greg's contribution would be missed by the Company.

2 Action Points

The action points arising from the previous Board meeting, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, were addressed. It was noted that the shareholder and the non-executive directors would be meeting, as part of good governance, at the end of the September Board Meeting.

3 Finance

The finance report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, was discussed. The Board noted that the Dashboard of information that had been produced by BH was extremely helpful and BH was thanked for introducing it. The Board discussed in particular expenditure against the business plan and also how the Dashboard could be improved even further. The Board agreed that the Dashboard should also include project information, including the desired outcomes and whether a particular project was on track, or not. The Board also agreed to do further work on the web-site, as this would assist the Company in further focusing on disseminating information to as wide an audience as possible.

4 Media Interest

The Board noted the media interest report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

5 Freedom of Information (Fol)

BH gave a verbal update on the Fol enquiries made to the Company.

6 Chief Executive's Report

DG led a discussion based on the previously circulated Chief Executive's Report. In particular, the Board discussed: the Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland (ISNI). The Board noted the very helpful speech given by the Secretary of State and the Board further discussed how the ISNI would be positioned in relation to the wider Reform programme.

The Board then discussed the role the Company had been taking in the wider Reform programme and in, in particular, John McMillen thanked Michael Donnelly for the work he had done with the Reform team.

A discussion was then held on the Ports Policy Review (Review) and the Company's invitation by Department of Regional Development (DRD) to speak at the Roadshow on the 29th June. The Board noted the media coverage and agreed that the Company should continue to liaise closely with DRD on the appropriate handling of this coverage, as the Company continued to assist DRD with the Review.

In relation to Titanic Quarter, the Board agreed with DG that the primary sponsor role was with DETI and that the Company would continue to assist DETI.

The Board further discussed the position of investment in Education and the Board noted the importance of ensuring that all relevant stakeholders knew that investment decisions would be made on a case by case basis and therefore PFI/PPP was an option for future investment. It was further explained that the recent £380m announcement had considered the use of PFI/PPP, but that each of the relevant investments were better suited for traditional capital build.

7 Case Reports

The Board reviewed and discussed the case reports. Martin Darcy then gave a presentation and focused on the Alpha project. The Board discussed the fact that the Alpha project gave empirical evidence of a very large saving to the tax payer in using PPP in the correct environment (with a projected 20% saving from an equivalent capital procurement). The Board also noted that the Governance arrangements had been particularly strong and that the project had been one of the quickest and most efficient of its type in the world. The Board also noted that projects like Alpha gave rise to a wider issue for the Company to consider, namely, what role the Company (if any) in projects after financial close. The Company agreed to consider this further.

John Adamson then gave a presentation on the progress being made on the BELB project and the Board thanked John for his helpful presentation.

Tony Whitehead and Angela Hunter then discussed progress and challenges relating to the Maze site and also Titanic Quarter. In particular, the timetable for developing both projects was discussed. The Board thanked Tony and Angela.

8 Any Other Business

The Board noted that the 05/06 pay round was now agreed with all relevant stakeholders and were keen to deal with 06/07 as soon as practicable.

The Chairman thanked Richard Goodfellow for his work as Company Secretary over the last two years.

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 2:15pm.

Chairman