

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

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company
held at 09:30 am on 19th September 2007
at Clare House, Belfast**

Present: Tony Watson (TW) – Chairman
David Dobbin (DD)
David Gavaghan (DG)
Brett Hannam (BH)
Paul Priestly – OFMDFM Observer (PP)
Bruce Robinson – DFP Observer (BR)

Apologies: Jane Hollway – Company Secretary
James Stewart (JS)

1. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 19th July 2007 were approved.

2. Action Points

The Board noted the progress with action points arising from the previous Board meeting and the Board away-day.

It was agreed that DG and TW would consult OFMDFM on how best to work with the ACII before the publication of ISNI2.

Mr Priestly joined the meeting.

3. Finance Report

The Board discussed the mid-year financial review and proposals for re-profiling expenditure. The Board noted that OFMDFM had proposed substantial cuts to baselines. However, BH pointed out that although SIB had identified funds that could be released from the operations budget, all enabling funds were fully committed. The Board approved the revised budgets. The Board considered whether new expenditure requirements might arise in the remainder of the year.

Mr Robinson joined the meeting

4. Chief Executive's Report

DG delivered the Chief Executive's Report.

BR briefed the Board on the progress of WP2010 litigation.

PP briefed the Board on progress with the Maze/Long Kesh project.

Mr Spollen, Mr McMeekin, Ms Gallagher and Mr Watt (London Economics) joined the meeting

5. ISNI 2

Mr Spollen delivered a presentation on the development of ISNI2. Mr McMeekin explained the process through which initial bids had been refined and prioritised and the draft allocations constructed.

The Board discussed the ISNI2 timetable and key milestones. The Board noted that DG and JS would meet the Minister for Finance on 20/9.

The Board discussed the draft submission being prepared for the Executive. BR recommended that the paper should be recast to stress the rationale for final allocations. He also stressed the need to distinguish between available PE cover and other potential, but not secure, sources of capital. The risks and contingencies of these needed to be highlighted.

Mr Watt spoke on his assessment of the economic returns from different investment priorities.

Mr Watt left the meeting.

It was agreed that the Board would see an early draft of ISNI2 as soon as this was available.

Mr McMeekin and Ms Gallagher left the meeting.

Mr Priestly and Mr Robinson left the meeting.

6. Media Interest

The Board noted the Media Pack, which had been distributed before the meeting.

7. AOB

DD noted that he would be unavailable on the planned dates of the September and December 2008 Board meetings

Action: BH to amend dates of September & December 2008 meetings

DD informed the Board that he had been asked to sit on the selection panel for the post of Permanent Secretary at the Department of Regional Development.

It was agreed that TW would write to OFMDFM on the need for new non-executive directors.

Action: TW to write to OFMDFM on the need for new non-executive directors

Chairman