

MINUTES OF SPECIAL EXECUTIVE MEETING – COVID-19 RECOVERY

MEMBERS' DINING ROOM, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, STORMONT

22 JULY 2020

**First Minister (Chair)
Deputy First Minister (Chair)
Minister of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs
Minister for Communities
Minister for the Economy
Minister of Education
Minister of Finance
Minister of Health
Minister for Infrastructure
Minister of Justice**

**In attendance: Junior Minister, TEO (Mr Lyons)
Junior Minister, TEO (Mr Kearney)
Secretary to the Executive
Head of Executive & Central Advisory Division TEO
Karen Pearson, TEO
Peter Toogood, TEO**

Introduction

1. The First Minister and deputy First Minister welcomed Ministers to the Special Meeting of the Executive to consider COVID-19 Recovery and the development of the Executive's Strategic Recovery Plan.

Agenda Item 1

E (20) 170 (C) Programme for Government and Approach to COVID-19 Recovery

2. The First Minister introduced this paper.
3. Following discussion, the Executive agreed:
 - (i) that a strategic Programme for Government be developed for implementation in April 2021, as per paragraph 11 of Executive Memorandum E (20) 170 (C), and that work be taken forward in line with the timetable in Appendix 1 to the Executive paper; and
 - (ii) that the Executive's Recovery Framework/Recovery Plan would form the basis of its programme of work for 2020-21, in line with paragraph 13 of the Executive paper.

Agenda Item 2

Slide Presentation

The Secretary to the Executive gave, and the Executive discussed, a presentation setting out proposals for a high level approach to managing recovery; the operation of the Executive during the recovery period; and governance arrangements for recovery.

Next Steps

Following discussion, the Executive agreed the recommended short, medium and long term approach to recovery and that:

- (i) the Recovery official-level group would prepare a programme of future papers and discussions about each agreed workstream;

- (ii) a Recovery Sitrep would be developed for circulation on a weekly basis;
- (iii) regular overviews of the Recovery Programme outlining progress and challenges would be put to the Executive, to allow emerging issues to be addressed.