

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING: 20 APRIL 2020

MEETING WAS CONDUCTED VIA VIDEO LINK

Present: First Minister (Chair)
deputy First Minister (Chair)
Minister of Agriculture, Environment and 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

INTRODUCTION

The First Minister chaired items 1 – 4.

AGENDA ITEM 1

E (M) (20) 18 Minutes of Executive meeting of 17 April 2020

1. Consideration of the minutes of the Executive meeting of 17 April 2020 was deferred to the Executive meeting of 22 April 2020.

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COVID-19 Report by the Health Minister

2. The Minister of Health provided updates on developments in the COVID-19 pandemic, including an overview of Health in Care Homes; aspects of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Irish Government; and testing and tracking.
3. The Executive noted a paper from the Welsh Government, which had been circulated by the Minister of Health, on the development of a framework for easing the COVID-19 restrictions; and agreed that an early dedicated discussion on developing a strategy for emergence from lockdown should take place.

AGENDA ITEM 3

Actions from previous meetings

Action Log

4. The First Minister advised that the Action Log from the previous Executive meeting had been circulated to Ministers.

AGENDA ITEM 4

CCG Sitrep

5. The Secretary to the Executive provided a read-out of the CCG meeting and the Situation Report which had been circulated to Ministers.

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The deputy First Minister chaired the remaining items on the agenda

AGENDA ITEM 5

COVID-19 Management

E (20) 66 (C) Northern Ireland Executive: Supply Chain Resilience - Update

6. The Minister for Infrastructure introduced, and the Executive discussed, this paper, which had been deferred from the Executive meeting of 17 April. The Minister for Infrastructure reviewed the recent agreement on a contribution to a support package for ferry operators; and highlighted work underway to address the pressures being faced by the haulage sector as a result of COVID-19.

Pre-COVID baseline for the Economy

7. The Executive agreed to defer consideration of a paper on Pre-COVID baseline for the Economy, which had been circulated by the Minister for the Economy, to its meeting of 22 April.

AGENDA ITEM 6

Schedule of Events/Media/Ad Hoc Committee

8. The deputy First Minister advised that the Junior Ministers and the Minister for Communities would taking through legislation in the Assembly on 21 April. .
9. The Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs advised of a potential statement on 23 April in relation to the Agri-Food Sector.

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AGENDA ITEM 7

Other Matters requiring Executive agreement

Irrelevant & Sensitive

AGENDA ITEM 8

Note of Urgent Decision

13. The Executive noted the following urgent decision taken in accordance with paragraph 2.14 of the Ministerial Code:

E (UP) (20) 18 Temporary Time Limited Financial Support for Ferry Operations on Critical Irish Sea Routes

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AGENDA ITEM 9

Any other business

14. There was no other business.

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