

15/01/2020, 13:17 - **NR** : Issued by SF press office.

Murphy Seeks to Rescue Confidence and Supply Money

Responding to comments by DUP MP Sammy Wilson, Finance Minister Conor Murphy said:

"The New Decade, New Approach document was drawn up by the two governments and presented on a take-it-or-leave-it basis. Rather than prolonging the 3 year collapse of the institutions the parties rightly restored the power-sharing Executive and begun negotiations on additional funding.

"As well as seeking that additional funding I am also working to rescue promised Confidence and Supply money. That arrangement between the DUP and the Conservative party collapsed before the money was spent and the British Government is now refusing to guarantee the outstanding sums, including the money for broadband."

15/01/2020, 13:19 - **I&S** Open goal. Back of the net!

15/01/2020, 15:29 - **I&S** I hear that the Ex away day is on 30 Jan. I just cannot attend. This is the date of the vote in EU withdrawal in Brussels and I have to be present

15/01/2020, 15:44 - Phil Weir: OK I'll feed that in, presumably issue for Naomi too. Assuming wed 29th no good either then?

15/01/2020, 16:22 - **I&S** Wed and Thur is mini plenary. I have to be there. We can't politically ignore the vote and I have to keep the days attendance right. Not negotiable

15/01/2020, 16:25 - **NR** IMG-20200115-WA0001.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356058**

15/01/2020, 16:25 - **NR** IMG-20200115-WA0002.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356059**

15/01/2020, 16:25 - **NR** table one is spending and table two the original agreement.

15/01/2020, 18:48 - Phil Weir: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-government-commits-2bn-to-support-new-northern-ireland-executive>

15/01/2020, 22:55 - Peter Weir: I see SOS has reverted to full charm mode with tweet about MLAs not working for 3 years and costing 15 million

15/01/2020, 22:55 - **I&S** Yes tetchy tetchy

15/01/2020, 22:59 - Peter Weir: And the spin of 2 billion when half of it is simply confirming money which is already coming to us anyway, which we are entitled to and is due irrespective of whether there is devolution or not

16/01/2020, 17:47 - Phil Weir: Struggling to get an away day before February. Could we have made next Wednesday work 22nd?

16/01/2020, 17:48 - **I&S** Yes suits me

16/01/2020, 18:02 - Peter Weir: I can do that although I will need to shift something

16/01/2020, 20:03 - **I&S** Is there any chance we could make an exception and go for 24

16/01/2020, 20:10 - Peter Weir: Only problem Friday is the only constituency day we have

16/01/2020, 20:14 - Phil Weir: Sf can't do the Friday unfortunately

16/01/2020, 21:27 - Edwin: I will make myself available and clear the diary.

I think it should be sooner rather than later.

Also think having Executive meetings every Monday should be trialled for a period, weekly should make us more agile and responsive.

16/01/2020, 21:36 - Peter Weir: Agree re weekly meetings and sooner than later re away

day

17/01/2020, 12:41 - Peter Weir: Just got in the draft executive paper from DOF with the draft spad appointment arrangements. I assume we are content with it

17/01/2020, 12:42 - Emma Little Pengelly: We will take a look at it today

17/01/2020, 12:47 - Peter Weir: Thanks, given that nothing will be got back to Departments this side of the weekend, we wont need immediate turnaround

17/01/2020, 14:36 - **NR** <Media omitted> **[Irrelevant image]**

17/01/2020, 14:36 - **NR** AF on Inside politics

17/01/2020, 15:25 - Peter Weir: Apparently DoF chasing up Depts on the spad paper. Did you get a chance to look at it and clear?

17/01/2020, 15:25 - Emma Little Pengelly: Shortly to discuss it with AF. Just currently in a meeting.

17/01/2020, 15:26 - Emma Little Pengelly: With Phil, Gordon, AF and officials. Due to finish shortly

17/01/2020, 16:27 - Emma Little Pengelly: Hi - Peter, if you want to go back and reinforce the line that if Ministers change at any mid-point for whatever reason, that spads would not have to be reappointed unless new Minister wanted a change. As it is outlined, there would need to be a new process

17/01/2020, 16:28 - Edwin: We responded yesterday

17/01/2020, 21:18 - **NR** IMG-20200117-WA0005.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

17/01/2020, 21:19 - Emma Little Pengelly: I think north west was higher?

17/01/2020, 21:19 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200117-WA0006.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

17/01/2020, 21:22 - **NR** IMG-20200117-WA0007.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

SF doesn't seem to have matured at all!!

17/01/2020, 21:52 - Emma Little Pengelly: Well, why not - let English taxpayers subsidise our free prescriptions, lower rates, no water charges, lower tuition fees and free prescriptions...but hey, how dare you guys starve us of funding ~~δΨ™„δΨ™„δΨ™„~~  
#Perfidious Albion

17/01/2020, 21:55 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200117-WA0010.jpg **[Irrelevant image]**

17/01/2020, 23:11 - Edwin: And a £100m pa on welfare mitigation

17/01/2020, 23:11 - Peter Weir: Are any of really surprised?

20/01/2020, 19:44 - Peter Weir: Any info on agenda/ format of the away day? Just thinking in terms of any prep we would need to do or gathering of information

20/01/2020, 19:49 - Phil Weir: Will prob get sent thru tomw. Draft we saw earlier seemed to be based around half a dozen areas. From memory Pfg, budget and health before lunch. Others inc welfare, housing I think and maybe education in afternoon. Plan to deal with other topics on another date

21/01/2020, 08:03 - **I&S** Surely Brexit must feature

21/01/2020, 09:32 - Phil Weir: It may well have, if not we ll aim to get added today

21/01/2020, 10:17 - Phil Weir: Brexit part of 2pm slot

21/01/2020, 13:51 - Emma Little Pengelly: Folks,

FM is suggesting a meeting at 10am on Wednesday morning (Wed 29th January) to go over the key issues in Departments, key priorities, manifesto and Our Plan alignment and opportunities within the Departments.

Can you indicate if this time suits, or if you can get what may be in your diaries moved to facilitate this meeting?

Many thanks,

Emma

21/01/2020, 13:54 - Peter Weir: Timing wouldn't be great just at that point. Due to be in front of education committee at that point, having put them off already from initial acceptance for tomorrow

21/01/2020, 13:57 - Emma Little Pengelly: Peter - would 2pm be better for you?

21/01/2020, 14:00 - Peter Weir: Yes. Should be fine. Will confirm shortly

21/01/2020, 14:02 - **I&S** I can do morning but not afternoon. Going to Brussels for final vote on WA

21/01/2020, 15:37 - Peter Weir: I can do afternoon but not 10. Could be free shortly after 11

21/01/2020, 15:55 - **I&S** I am getting 4.30 to Brussels so need to be away 12 ish

21/01/2020, 16:02 - Peter Weir: Don't know the format, but would one option be to meet just after 11 and Diane to go first

21/01/2020, 16:30 - **I&S**: Grand by me

23/01/2020, 16:13 - Phil Weir: Do we have views on looking at executive potentially meeting in parl bldgs if we re going to try Monday mornings for next while?

23/01/2020, 16:13 - Peter Weir: I would be fine with that

23/01/2020, 16:16 - **I&S** Yes happy enough

23/01/2020, 16:16 - **I&S** Yes.

23/01/2020, 16:16 - Gordon Lyons: Yes

23/01/2020, 17:12 - Phil Weir: IMG-20200123-WA0000.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

Just in case any minister has particular interest in attending, let me know, otherwise will decline

23/01/2020, 17:14 - **NR**: I hear there's a suspected case of this virus in RVH

23/01/2020, 17:17 - Phil Weir: Likely to be a lot of suspected cases in these circumstances- will always be wanting to ensure ruled out- hopefully goes no further than suspected

**Irrelevant & Sensitive**

25/01/2020, 17:34 - Edwin: I need the LCM done by 11.30 on Tuesday or we are out of time

25/01/2020, 17:35 - Phil Weir: Latest now is business cttee to decide on revised order paper for Monday. Considering 2 options - 10.30 start with tributes at 12 and limited normal business; or 12.00 start, with adjournment until tributes at 4.00, with limited normal business.

25/01/2020, 23:23 - Edwin: LCM being done at 6pm

26/01/2020, 09:26 - Peter Weir: I think the least disruptive position re the business is to get the urgent exec business cleared on the Monday in the Assembly and kick any private members business through to the following Monday rather than try and rearrange diaries for Tuesday

27/01/2020, 08:51 - Edwin: What room is Executive in

27/01/2020, 08:52 - Phil Weir: Not happening, postponed on account of **I&S** until

later in wk or next Monday

27/01/2020, 08:53 - Edwin: Okay

27/01/2020, 22:46 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200127-WA0002.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

27/01/2020, 22:47 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200127-WA0003.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

27/01/2020, 22:47 - Emma Little Pengelly: Some photos from earlier- Diane telling those pair a thing or two!!

27/01/2020, 22:47 - **NR** She ought to have told Andrew McCormick a thing or two as well!!

27/01/2020, 22:49 - **I&S** What a ðŸŒŸ

28/01/2020, 10:44 - Edwin: **NR**

28/01/2020, 15:23 - Peter Weir: Are we meeting internally tomorrow about llish?

28/01/2020, 15:41 - Phil Weir: Going to have to postpone tomw I'm afraid. Arlene not back til lunchtime and appts through afternoon

28/01/2020, 15:45 - Peter Weir: No probs

28/01/2020, 20:11 - Edwin: Okay

28/01/2020, 20:56 - **NR** IMG-20200128-WA0003.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

28/01/2020, 20:57 - Peter Weir: Nicola Mallon eat your heart out

28/01/2020, 20:58 - Phil Weir: Any wonder struggling to get assurances about ramps

29/01/2020, 17:29 - **NR** SF motion amendment possible way forward.docx (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

SF motion amendment possible way forward

29/01/2020, 17:31 - **NR** See attached one possible DUP amendment on this vexed SF amendment which is up on Monday.

Keen to hear from EP and Diane and if this is a goer I will get Heather to talk to a couple of our members to propose. This has the benefit of using the formula as set out in Annex 2 of the New Deal paper and which does NOT tie the party into these specific measures at this point.

29/01/2020, 18:33 - Edwin: I can go with that

29/01/2020, 18:42 - **I&S** IMG-20200129-WA0003.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

29/01/2020, 18:42 - **I&S** You look very emotional .....ðŸ+~ðŸ+§

29/01/2020, 18:43 - **I&S** MEP of the decade

29/01/2020, 18:43 - Peter Weir: Please release me, let me go

31/01/2020, 18:07 - Emma Little Pengelly:  
<https://twitter.com/BBCMarkSimpson/status/1223197067067170817?s=08>

They didn't hang about...

31/01/2020, 18:08 - **NR** Yes. Thatâ€™s what I though

31/01/2020, 18:14 - **I&S** IMG-20200131-WA0002.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

Even made me swop in badges this morning

31/01/2020, 18:17 - **I&S** IMG-20200131-WA0003.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

31/01/2020, 18:17 - **I&S** Most important items in the boxes

31/01/2020, 18:18 - **I&S** IMG-20200131-WA0004.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

31/01/2020, 18:18 - **I&S** And a souvenir or two!

31/01/2020, 18:19 - [redacted] **I&S** Theft? Or repatriation

31/01/2020, 18:20 - [redacted] **NR** lot of clothes and shoes and makeup in those boxes!!

31/01/2020, 19:44 - Emma Little Pengelly: I understand completely! My second case home week has still left loads in London ðŸ˜¸~ðŸ˜¸~ðŸ˜¸~ - another 16 jackets, 2 coats, 8 pairs of shoes....etc etc ðŸ˜¸~±ðŸ˜¸' ðŸ˜¸~ðŸ˜¸'

02/02/2020, 19:35 - Emma Little Pengelly: HIU - as many will be aware, concerns have been raised by many about the potential balance of HIU. This is largely due to the decision of the Chief Con back after the HMIC report raised issues with the PSNI examining cases with allegations of collusion. This led to ALL state related deaths being referred into the legacy unit and the subsequent proposal to bring these into HIU.

However, please not the actual language of the Stormont House Agreement. HiU was ONLY to take on the existing cases of HET with consideration of re-examining those closed, and the case load of the Police Ombudsman (on the non-criminal side). SHA NEVER agreed to take the Chief Con referred caseload. This is a strong argument in our favour and needs public clarity.

02/02/2020, 19:35 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200202-WA0000.jpg (file attached) [Irrelevant image]

02/02/2020, 19:36 - Emma Little Pengelly: Para 30 is clear on this

02/02/2020, 19:38 - [redacted] **I&S**: Thanks Emma. Could you print this out for questions tomorrow please

02/02/2020, 20:01 - Emma Little Pengelly: Will do

02/02/2020, 20:06 - [redacted] **I&S** Do we have a position on zero hours contracts

02/02/2020, 20:24 - Phil Weir: <https://www.gov.uk/contract-types-and-employer-responsibilities/zero-hour-contracts>. have tended to take view that while prob not ideal suit some people in certain fields and suit employers. No one is forced onto a zero hours contract. Pfg section of New decade proposes outlawing them

02/02/2020, 20:25 - Edwin: [redacted] **Irrelevant & Sensitive** has zero hours contract and it works well. It is abused by some companies and is not ideal for those needing work on a permanent basis

02/02/2020, 20:25 - Edwin: Ala/

02/02/2020, 20:27 - Phil Weir: Dates are being sought for a second executive away day prob at Cultra manor focussing on depts not covered last time. Any thoughts on Wed 12th, Thurs 13th or Thurs 20th?

02/02/2020, 20:37 - Peter Weir: Will check diary tomorrow but you know on 13th am up from lunchtime in Londonderry

02/02/2020, 20:53 - [redacted] **NR** Keep away from 20th as clashes with Officers in afternoon

02/02/2020, 21:05 - [redacted] **I&S** Iâ€™m in London on morning of 20th. 12/13 I have held for meetings with business organisations. If I know fairly quickly I can organise appropriately

02/02/2020, 21:15 - Peter Weir: If it was 13th could probably do up to lunchtime

02/02/2020, 21:16 - Phil Weir: Sf seem comfortable with either so suggest should maybe propose 12th at exec tomw with 13th as fallback

03/02/2020, 09:30 - Edwin: Running late

We have a soft tyre on the car

03/02/2020, 15:02 - [redacted] **I&S** What time did we say for DUP ministers meeting

03/02/2020, 15:16 - Phil Weir: 3pm next Tues 11th

03/02/2020, 17:21 - Peter Weir: In diary

04/02/2020, 14:07 - Phil Weir: brexit sub-committee scheduled for next tue at 3.30pm so Peter if you were able to come to castle about half four on 11th could do dup ministers meeting afterwards

04/02/2020, 15:41 - Peter Weir: Should be fine

04/02/2020, 17:40 - Peter Weir: I am ok for that

04/02/2020, 21:25 - **NR** <Media omitted> **[Irrelevant image]**

This must be a new title bestowed on Michelle

04/02/2020, 21:25 - **I&S** They are at this all the time

04/02/2020, 21:26 - **NR** Certainly they cannot have that on "official" communications

04/02/2020, 21:49 - Peter Weir: Perhaps I should start calling myself George Clooney, it's just as accurate

04/02/2020, 21:56 - **I&S** Now there's a thought I shan't forget

04/02/2020, 21:57 - Peter Weir: Nightmares tonight!

04/02/2020, 22:10 - **I&S** We'll just call you George from now on!

04/02/2020, 22:43 - Peter Weir: That's just the burden I have to bear

06/02/2020, 08:53 - **NR**: This guy clearly more focused on his SF role than his Ministerial responsibilities given he couldn't turn up at the TEO committee yesterday. Here's why.

<https://twitter.com/declanearneysf/status/1225152807185108993?s=12>

10/02/2020, 13:15 - Emma Little Pengelly: Edwin - are you greenways or is it DoI??

Does anyone know who does crematorium licences?

10/02/2020, 13:16 - Emma Little Pengelly: Incinerators and waste - doI??

10/02/2020, 21:48 - **NR** I see the DFM, Junior Minister and Finance Minister in this meeting in Dublin. Suspect none of them focused on their day jobs at present.

Have I missed the media cries about being focused on Dublin rather than Belfast as was the case when we had C and S??

<https://twitter.com/aislingrosennis/status/1226975479032434688?s=12>

10/02/2020, 21:50 - Peter Weir: I'm sure the media were all over it!

11/02/2020, 08:15 - **I&S** Yes. Looking forward to talking about that toxic relationship

12/02/2020, 19:15 - Phil Weir: Just quick reminder- dup ministers meeting tomw 3-430 at castle

12/02/2020, 19:27 - Peter Weir: Apologies I will be in Londonderry tomorrow afternoon

20/02/2020, 15:38 - Peter Weir: Contact details for my spad - Peter Martin **I&S**  
spad@education-ni.gov.uk

23/02/2020, 20:47 - Peter Weir: If Mary Lou McDonald doesn't win the final of Love Island tonight, there will be protest meetings the length of Ireland next week

25/02/2020, 17:08 - Phil Weir: Just for confirmation there is no ministers' meeting this thurs but we should aim to schedule one early next week- would midday Tues (3rd) be a possibility?

25/02/2020, 20:12 - Peter Weir: Had good conversation with Michael McBride. He has already spoken to a number of schools and is offering discussion/ conference calls with any others. Some schools have been and some are due back. PHA advice lengthy and may evolve over time but essentially no restriction on visiting Italy and not a problem if anyone has been to Italy. Overall uk advice is not to cancel Italian visits. We are

getting details of schools due to go. Suspect they are likely to cancel but PHA/CMO will make direct contact with them before then. Advice to schools is to follow PHA guidance. Essentially this boils down to if u have been to northern Italy above Pisa then people should only self isolate if showing symptoms etc. If u have been to one of the 11 towns/cities that are at risk then self isolate pre symptoms. Some schools will want to go further. Finally we will be chasing up schools with Far East boarders and liaising between them and CMO. Need to ensure no contact either through return to China or relatives coming here to see them over Easter

25/02/2020, 20:22 - Emma Little Pengelly: The official advice is to wash hands with soap and water regularly and also to use hand gel. Both of which I have been doing, a lot, maybe too much [redacted] I&S  
[redacted] I&S [redacted] If this is the advice - should we not be advising all schools to encourage this, and civil service etc? Coronavirus is coming, it will be about control. It can be controlled by these simple steps?

25/02/2020, 20:25 - Emma Little Pengelly: Surely schools are in the perfect position to enforce this?

25/02/2020, 21:16 - Peter Weir: Yes that can be reinforced in a memo/ circular to schools. Emma, with washing hands constantly I hope you are not reinforcing a Lady Macbeth image ðŸ˜†

27/02/2020, 14:14 - Phil Weir: Dup ministers meeting Tues midday, rm 1 pb, Edwin will join a little later when he can

02/03/2020, 16:44 - Phil Weir: Some ministers' availability is becoming more constrained tomw so let's leave it, and meet at castle at 3.30pm on Thurs which seems better for everyone

05/03/2020, 14:14 - Phil Weir: We ll do 3.30 meeting in rm 209 pb

07/03/2020, 08:06 - Phil Weir: <https://www.rte.ie/amp/1120762/>

07/03/2020, 08:07 - [redacted] I&S : Yes Elizabeth sent me a text at 5.45 this morning ....

13/03/2020, 15:28 - Phil Weir: Can we aim to meet in FM office, PB at 8.45am on Monday for a brief pre-meeting ahead of the executive

13/03/2020, 15:29 - Peter Weir: Yes

13/03/2020, 17:51 - Edwin: Yes

13/03/2020, 19:09 - [redacted] NR Edwin and Diane. The chairman of Fermanagh/South Tyrone DUP Association has been in touch to indicate next Friday evenings Association dinner is being postponed and will be rescheduled later in the year.

13/03/2020, 19:15 - [redacted] I&S Thatâ€™s grand. Thanks for letting me know

13/03/2020, 20:25 - Edwin: No problem

13/03/2020, 21:39 - Emma Little Pengelly: Folks - I have read through the entire report so if you have any queries please do just let me know and I will endeavour to answer on any aspect of the report. Feel free to message or PM me ðŸ˜†

13/03/2020, 22:15 - Peter Weir: I see on PA, Archbishop Eamon Martin is writing to me urging me to close all the schools. Wasnâ€™t aware of his qualifications in virology

13/03/2020, 22:17 - Phil Weir: Interestingly he had conversation with dfm this morning. Paper has come up from officials with more detail on approach to schools issue. It's v good and decent sign cmo sticking to guns

13/03/2020, 22:19 - Peter Weir: Good show. Good meetings yesterday with departmental officials and CCEA, and today with sectoral bodies,

13/03/2020, 22:28 - [redacted] I&S Peter, I know you mentioned special needs kids yesterday is there a plan to send out info to the special schools and children with underlying symptoms?

13/03/2020, 22:30 - [redacted] NR Write back and tell him we donâ€™t live in the South and that his institution hasnâ€™t the best track record of looking out for the welfare of kids.

13/03/2020, 22:31 - [I&S] : ðŸ˜™@ðŸŸ†-ðŸŸ†\$

13/03/2020, 22:31 - Gordon Lyons: VID-20200314-WA0000.mp4 (file attached) [Irrelevant image]

13/03/2020, 22:41 - Peter Weir: There is info going to all schools. I had a more general letter that we were able to release about tea time tonight. We are trying to get PHA nailed down to a specific advise document for schools, which we had hoped at one stage to get off them today, and now aiming for Monday. Problem seems to be events changing so quickly that PHA are hard to pin down on detailed advice, and may be being overwhelmed by speed of events. Sense is their advice is not specific on special needs/medical conditions of pupils. I will speak to Robin over the weekend to see if he can push things re getting guidance out and can speak if needed to Michael McBride on Monday- I assume he will be at exec

13/03/2020, 22:42 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200314-WA0003.jpg (file attached) [Irrelevant image]

List of inaccurate, misleading and sub-standard submissions to Arlene by DETI officials listed in the RHI report

13/03/2020, 22:42 - Phil Weir: Can mention to Robin and cmo at armagh tomw

13/03/2020, 22:44 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200314-WA0002.jpg (file attached) [Irrelevant image]

The ridiculous response by Sterling to these failings by officials under his watch

13/03/2020, 23:08 - Peter Weir: Now seen letter from Archbishop. Unsurprisingly no coherent or convincing arguments and reminds me a little of a letter that would be written on behalf of a constituent when you feel you have to but know that they have no case

14/03/2020, 07:55 - Edwin: In Agreement with you all, calm heads required as we chart a way through a very serious crisis.

Back home now if required today onwards again

We are having a summit on Monday morning with the agri food sector

14/03/2020, 15:14 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200314-WA0007.jpg (file attached) INQ000356075

14/03/2020, 15:15 - [I&S] They have all lost their minds

14/03/2020, 15:23 - [NR] : Totally irresponsible. If they continue in this vein many will come to the view they should not be in charge of any levers of power. Panicking people.

14/03/2020, 15:24 - [I&S] Apparently cmo advises but politicians decide because the public are ahead of us. I totally despair I have to say

14/03/2020, 15:26 - [NR] Yes but decisions must be based on a rational evidential basis not because joe bloggs thinks the end is nigh.

14/03/2020, 15:27 - [I&S] : Exactly

14/03/2020, 15:27 - Gordon Lyons: He will be wearing a tinfoil hat next! Racist undertones, devoid of science and inciting people to panic

14/03/2020, 15:27 - [I&S] Thatâ€™s a direct quote from the Dfm by the way

14/03/2020, 15:36 - Edwin: We are in this first a long haul. It is likely schools will have to close, but last week was ready on the hysterical side. Response needs to be measured and reassuring, while staying ahead of the curve.

Leo ignored advice and done what he done to give justification for a grand coalition, Ted Howell must have give her the call to get the harmonisation kicked in to place, thus the overnight conversion or should I say coercion

14/03/2020, 15:55 - Peter Weir: Totally agree. Majority of Executive in a sensible place on this, and the 2 most relevant departments- health and education are outside their control. Fundamentally public health and the saving of lives is the only consideration which is why the CMO is the critical person to follow rather than Dan from Derry ranting down the phone to their local sf MLA. We need to be the grown ups in the room and measured and reassuring is the right tone and policy. Some of us may ultimately end up losing loved ones or at the very least people we now. We need to look



people in the eye knowing we did all we could to minimise this. Schools will almost inevitably close at some point, and educationally that can be handled, but only when it is of best advantage to public health and on that clear advise

14/03/2020, 15:56 - **I&S**: δŸ'

14/03/2020, 16:00 - **NR** CMO is critical person to follow. It would be helpful if he fronted up some more media.

Neither AF nor RS are experts. He is.

He should have been on that panel today and doing a decent communication job tomorrow.

14/03/2020, 16:02 - Peter Weir: Iâ€™ve not been round the Creggan but anyone Iâ€™ve spoken to this week has either said straight off that they agree this is the sensible approach or if they raise it in a more neutral way, readily agree when explained. Havenâ€™t had anyone disagree or rant about other than a few of the nut jobs or ardent nationalists on social media

14/03/2020, 16:12 - **I&S** RS wanted to protect cmo today from the obvious question as to why Dfm was not content to follow his advice.

14/03/2020, 16:18 - **NR**: Fair enough but he is the voice that needs to be heard.

14/03/2020, 16:26 - Peter Weir: The spurious argument that we need to automatically follow an all Ireland approach as per foot and mouth/bse is somewhat undermined by the reality that livestock do not generally choose to go on skiing trips to northern Italy

14/03/2020, 16:27 - Gordon Lyons: Generally!

14/03/2020, 16:48 - Peter Weir: Well there was time that Daisy the cow won the downhill alpine gold at the winter â„ Olympics

14/03/2020, 17:27 - **I&S** I suspect we need clear statements from CMO at all times. I am organising a round of meetings for Monday re economy and tourism and a paper re package of measures. All of these issues will need to be addressed by the up coming budget. Will be ready start of week

14/03/2020, 17:29 - Phil Weir: This issue will dominate life here for at least the next six months. A coronabudget would seem appropriate

14/03/2020, 17:54 - Emma Little Pengelly: We need a discussion on what we as a party team want from a business support package too. Other administrations seem to be ahead with their packages. Should we be asking DOF to bring forward info on what actions in whitehall and what the consequential are for here?

14/03/2020, 18:01 - Emma Little Pengelly: Some key issues that civil contingencies could be doing/coordinating;

- Info for Schools re handwashing, if parents decide to keep their children off even if open, what to do with children who are vulnerable and with underlying illness, preparing materials for at home learning

- Information for parents with children with complex medical needs

- information for parents on dealing with a self-isolating child

- plan to support business

- sourcing of additional ventilators, essential equipment and volunteer support for Health Service

- drawing up potential guidance to go to all households by way of leaflet

- consideration of a daily briefing and update at a set time every day to go out live on social media

- implementation of a local 2pm and 8pm update for the public by way of graphic information
- coordination of local councils, third sector, churches etc to support in local communities
- guidance on the use of public transport
- consideration of a small project board/taskforce to include Spad representation on identifying and delivering all these actions
- clear risk registers and update for Ministers in a regular basis

14/03/2020, 18:04 - Emma Little Pengelly: Are there other issues we should be asking them to look at? Strangely enough, I don't feel hugely confident in the dynamic duo of Sterling and Stewart who are leading this up...ðŸŸšðŸŸšðŸŸš

14/03/2020, 18:05 - Emma Little Pengelly: \*information on graphics...not graphic information! ðŸŸ±

14/03/2020, 18:07 - **I&S** : Yes. All helpful. We have some work done in economy. I should have a draft paper tonight/tomorrow and then the DUP team needs to have a very clear set of asks. If necessary a solo run by us in order to put pressure on Finance. The only issue they were raising with us last week was Magee.

14/03/2020, 18:07 - **I&S** Can you share that Diane when received as I may do GMU on Monday morning to set agenda

14/03/2020, 18:42 - **NR** IMG-20200314-WA0010.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356076**

An increasingly prevalent view given the erratic behaviour from SF. Need to get them to a more sensible place in terms of their public utterances.

14/03/2020, 19:46 - **NR** <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/#countries>

14/03/2020, 20:09 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200314-WA0013.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

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14/03/2020, 20:25 - **I&S** Yes of course

14/03/2020, 20:52 - **NR** IMG-20200314-WA0016.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356080**

14/03/2020, 20:52 - **NR** IMG-20200314-WA0014.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356078**

14/03/2020, 20:53 **I&S** Is that a controlled school

14/03/2020, 20:55 - **NR** IMG-20200314-WA0015.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

14/03/2020, 20:56 - **NR** Not sure. Not by the look of their Rae section on their website. Mixed non denominational

14/03/2020, 20:57 - Gordon Lyons: There will inevitably be a domino effect as pressure comes on other schools

14/03/2020, 20:58 - **NR** **I&S**

14/03/2020, 21:03 - Phil Weir: It's a controlled primary, population change over the decades mean its intake now v different, do cross community projects with **I&S** Say bringing three proposed days off in May forward

14/03/2020, 21:05 **I&S** SF have now created a fissure in strategy that is hard to recover from. Am I right in saying that govt in England have taken powers to force schools to stay open. This will also apply to FE colleges.

14/03/2020, 21:21 - Peter Weir: Yes it's controlled but I think it has a large % catholic intake. Would be based in a Catholic part of Lurgan and also immigrant population **I&S** also closing for the week. I will be doing what I can press wise on Monday, and we have been pushing PHA to send specific faq/

info to send to schools but PHA been in difficult position tying down all their advice as rapidly changing details.

14/03/2020, 21:26 - Peter Weir: Re powers itâ€™s contained in the new legislation going through and requested clauses forcing openings for NI but not law as yet. The other practical difficulty is pressure can be applied to keep open, and in theory legal action, but for some schools faced with panicked irate parents, maybe local SF/SDLP pressure and the voice of the church, they will take the line of least resistance. Could also be whole groups of teachers in some schools simply refusing to show up

14/03/2020, 21:30 - Edwin: When the children dont get back to school until June at the earliest they will not be happy either.

14/03/2020, 21:31 - Peter Weir: Problem of many acting in a personally selfish or misguidedly protective manner, rather than what is in the wider health interest of the country but we have already seen how prevalent that is in other spheres eg panic buying

14/03/2020, 21:33 - Peter Weir: Yes Edwin for some it will be a case of be careful what you wish for. I think all we can do is repeat the rationale in a clear calm way and hold the line from a systems level point

14/03/2020, 21:33 - Edwin: At least the schools are closed though

<https://twitter.com/tiananmens/status/1238893141341724673?s=12>

14/03/2020, 22:01 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200314-WA0018.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356081**

14/03/2020, 22:31 - Peter Weir: 2 signs of growing crisis. Firstly, Match Of The Day is off because there is no football. Worse still, they have put on Mrs Brownâ€™s Boys in its place. NB as Education Minister I have used both the correct inclusion and omission of the apostrophe in the last sentence.

14/03/2020, 23:11 - **NR** <Media omitted> **[Irrelevant image]**

Sent to parents of Birches PS this evening.

14/03/2020, 23:12 - Emma Little Pengelly: <Media omitted> **[Irrelevant image]**

14/03/2020, 23:12 - **NR** Birches PS Portadown. Hearing teachers not wanting to keep going

14/03/2020, 23:16 - **NR** No doubt whipped out by Unions

14/03/2020, 23:17 - Edwin: **I&S** have sent letters out to indicate unless Government force them to close they will carry on and want to.

The malvern letter is cringeworthy

14/03/2020, 23:19 - Peter Weir: Work ongoing to get lines together for schools from PHA and Dept of Education. We need to be calm, authoritative and communicate the facts and the rationale. Tragically panic, self preservation and ultimately selfishness will put others at greater risk and in the long run end up costing more lives locally

14/03/2020, 23:21 - Peter Weir: It is also somewhat disingenuous, and not for the first time, that some are complaining that they are lacking clarity, when clarity has been given, but not the message they want to hear

14/03/2020, 23:22 - **NR** Peter get the lines out ASAP. Whoever is doing them is taking far too long. Get whoever is sorting into your office first thing on Monday morning and give them a deadline of cop Monday to get this done otherwise you will have a rag bag of schools doing their own thing and the teaching unions out. When the lines or letters or guidance is completed get it out publicly as well as people on boards have a solid platform on which to operate as opposed to going with those parents who shout the loudest.

14/03/2020, 23:24 - Phil Weir:  
<https://twitter.com/bbclaurak/status/1238927668604801025?s=08>

14/03/2020, 23:29 - Peter Weir: The lines have been sent from the Department. We have not been the blockage as regards time, We are helping to frame it for PHA. We would have had it all out on Friday. The Department is being opened on Sunday for officials to do further work on this, and press slots organised for

Monday. We are getting the health side over the line on this. I don't think however it is a question of confusion or lack of clarity, but for some it is not what they are wanting to hear, and for others it is an easier route to fold to the loudest voices from parents and staff

14/03/2020, 23:35 - **NR** Bottom line is schools don't have it. Whatever the hold up somebody if not in Ed somewhere needs to move it on so Boards of Governors and Principals have a clear line on why to stay open or not as case may be. Moving into territory where some think that they can buy time as schools will be closing officially soon. If that's not the case then all the more reason to get lines out to every school. Good that officials working tomorrow - they should be across all relevant parts of gov cos if not now when? Some of the officials don't inspire me and I am sure you will not be surprised. Talked to a lot of sensible people today and they are not in a good place. We will need to be very sure footed in the next period

14/03/2020, 23:44 - Peter Weir: Schools were all e mailed on Friday. We were aiming to get it out with full PHA document to them but PHA haven't nailed down all their advice, mainly because of fluidity of medical position. When we couldn't get a finished position off them by close of play, a letter was e mailed from me around 5 o'clock, as we felt if they couldn't get everything it was better we got them what we could, but clearly some schools won't have picked up yet, but for some others they are not getting the message that they want to hear

14/03/2020, 23:47 - **NR** Spoke to 3 principals today all Portadown area none seem to have any knowledge of communication/ letter from you! All are keen to be guided and not wanting to be closed but under pressure from some teachers some parents and some parent governors. Get a video from you up on Facebook. If the dept can't sort get Clive to do.

14/03/2020, 23:55 - Peter Weir: It was sent on Friday but can check tomorrow and can resend to ensure it has got through. May be a blip but you may also be surprised how little gets read by schools outside school hours. As well as mainstream media, we will cover the Facebook side on Monday as well

14/03/2020, 23:55 - **NR** 'oY'

14/03/2020, 23:56 - **NR** If it has been publish it as well generally

14/03/2020, 23:56 - **NR** If it hasn't.

15/03/2020, 00:10 - Emma Little Pengelly: Is Monday soon enough? Could a clear message be put out for schools on social media tomorrow?

15/03/2020, 00:12 - **NR** Sooner the better.

15/03/2020, 00:15 - Peter Weir: I can Facebook and Twitter message tomorrow and follow up with video on Monday. There is preparation work ongoing tomorrow and don't forget schools e mailed on Friday teatime.

15/03/2020, 00:55 - Emma Little Pengelly: 'oY'oY»

15/03/2020, 11:20 - Peter Weir: Kevin Winters has launched a JR on the decision not to close schools

15/03/2020, 11:21 - **NR** Read SF for KW

15/03/2020, 11:25 - Peter Weir: Indeed

15/03/2020, 11:26 - **I&S** Are we sure that health and CMO are to content to stick with the advice thus far on education. If I am reading these group messages correctly education have lines in place but do they have imprimatur of the other two. It seems to me that this is important

15/03/2020, 11:31 - Peter Weir: Yes I am confident that they are on the same page on this. Any delay from PHA is not on the basis of direction of advice, but getting details right, and I suspect they are a little overwhelmed. Apparently CMO went buck daft when he heard about Winters. Issue we are pursuing separately with them is whether there should be differentiated position for children with particular medical needs

15/03/2020, 11:32 - Emma Little Pengelly: <Media omitted> **[Irrelevant image]**

15/03/2020, 11:33 - **I&S** That's grand. I accept that I have not been

directly involved but thought it was worth checking. It's a difficult time Peter

15/03/2020, 11:35 - Phil Weir: "DE received from DSO a pre-action letter threatening JR proceedings regarding the decision not to close schools, seeking a response by 5.00pm tomorrow and, failing that, a hearing on Wednesday.

Derek Baker and his senior team are working with DSO and DoH on an appropriate response to this, including any necessary engagement with Whitehall".

15/03/2020, 11:35 - Phil Weir: From hocs

15/03/2020, 11:36 - **I&S** I would have thought that PM should do so.

15/03/2020, 11:43 - Peter Weir: No problem **NR** Above all other considerations will be our protection of human life, which the best opportunity to do so is following the professional advice. If in the long run we can spare one extra family from the tragic loss of a loved one then we will have done the right thing rather than the politics or panic of others. The JR is also a clear indication that SF know they don't have the numbers in the Exec to win

15/03/2020, 11:48 - Phil Weir: Stay with advice throughout. Any legal/broader scrutiny now or many months down the line will not be comfortable for ministers who act otherwise

15/03/2020, 11:49 - Peter Weir: Indeed. There is crazy stuff going about which if acted upon will simply cost lives

15/03/2020, 11:51 - Peter Weir: While you can never be 100% sure of any court ruling, it's difficult to see how a JR could succeed given we have followed clear CMO and SAGE advice

15/03/2020, 11:54 - **NR** Have you written advice directly to you as minister saying this?

15/03/2020, 12:12 - Emma Little Pengelly: I have been contacted by a few people concerned that people aren't being offered testing if they are self-isolating and I see Impartial Reporter has a clip circulating online on this. May be worth getting clear line on this out.

15/03/2020, 13:55 - Gordon Lyons: <Media omitted> **Awaiting Attachment**

15/03/2020, 13:58 - Gordon Lyons: Has the advice been reissued to schools yet?

15/03/2020, 14:05 - Peter Weir: There is a letter which went out on Friday night but we are reissuing on Monday morning in case some schools didn't get it. There is a lengthier detailed advise which we are issuing to schools on the health front. It has been completed from our end in the last half hour and signed off on by me. We have sent over to PHA for them to quality assure with deadline for tomorrow morning and will issue that longer advice then

15/03/2020, 14:08 - **NR**: When it is done can you ensure it is posted on departmental and NI direct websites?

15/03/2020, 14:09 - Peter Weir: Will do. Document done from our side. Just waiting to see if PHA give thumbs up or any tweaks

15/03/2020, 14:11 - **NR** Thanks Peter.

15/03/2020, 14:48 - **NR** <https://youtu.be/nl6tTwxzCi8>

15/03/2020, 14:59 - Phil Weir:  
<https://twitter.com/vincekearney/status/1238941911483846658?s=08>

15/03/2020, 16:28 - **NR**: IMG-20200315-WA0009.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356082**

NZ PM

15/03/2020, 16:32 - Emma Little Pengelly: We need some clear, definitive messages for social media. It is going absolutely bonkers. People are really panicking and the scenes from supermarkets today is not helping

15/03/2020, 17:05 - **NR**: <http://lisnealcollege.com/letter-coronavirus>

15/03/2020, 17:08 - **I&S**: Did you get this from Gary?

15/03/2020, 17:08 - **NR** No itâ€™s on twitter.

15/03/2020, 17:08 - **NR** On their twitter

15/03/2020, 17:08 - **I&S**: Ok, I might ring Gary and ask if it is worth ringing this guy

15/03/2020, 17:16 - Peter Weir: Think **I&S** have an additional pressure as some of their staff and parents are from Donegal. When we get to the point of overall closures, we were thinking of phasing in an exceptional closure day for additional prep as part of the process of phasing it in, but arenâ€™t saying anything public as this will fuel expectations of imminent closures. Prior to seeing his letter I had direct messaged him indicating that work was ongoing with CCEA to prepare exam scenarios, but Gary would know him fairly well. Suspect there is greater pressure in Lâ€™D than elsewhere which is seeping through to the unionist community as well

15/03/2020, 17:19 - Peter Weir: Think **I&S** in a more complex position on exams than most as they do a good bit with English boards

15/03/2020, 17:34 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200315-WA0012.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356083**

A rather responsible position by Nicola

15/03/2020, 17:34 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200315-WA0013.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356084**

15/03/2020, 17:35 - Emma Little Pengelly: Looks like all 10 Belfast special schools

15/03/2020, 18:12 - **I&S** Have just spoken to Colin Neil, Michael Allen the principal in **I&S** and **I&S** Colm Wants to try and move away from school issue to a wider executive plan to try and get things on track again. Thinks schools should close - I pushed back about preparation time, safe place, free school meals etc. We need to just keep level on all of this. Spoke to CoI new archbishop yesterday - he will follow whatever CMO says. Thanks to Peter for all his work over weekend. Bumpy few days/weeks ahead. See you all at 8.45am in my office

15/03/2020, 20:14 - **I&S**: Just spoken to PM and updated him on our difficult position. He will â€™do whatever he can to helpâ€™ A

15/03/2020, 20:14 - Peter Weir: Had good chat with Robin Swann.

15/03/2020, 20:16 - Emma Little Pengelly: Schools are now announcing that they are closing tomorrow to prepare for the closure to come. Can a clear message be sent to these teacher and headteachers that though pupils would be off on due course, just like other public sector workers they should be in using THAT time to prepare materials and remote learning? This is ridiculous.

15/03/2020, 20:17 - Emma Little Pengelly: Even if schools close to pupils, they should not be closing to teachers completely.

15/03/2020, 20:20 - Peter Weir: I have done the clear message on both twitter and Facebook on that. Reinforced with social and mainstream media tomorrow as well as clear PHA 7 page guidance to schools. Preparation work envisaged is largely for remote learning. Teachers will be expected to be in during any closure period.

15/03/2020, 20:22 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200315-WA0014.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356085**

15/03/2020, 20:22 - Emma Little Pengelly: I suspect they think not...

15/03/2020, 20:24 - Peter Weir: We could do with a few unnamed ministers not coming in to work

15/03/2020, 20:24 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200315-WA0015.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356086**

15/03/2020, 21:18 - Emma Little Pengelly: A teacher has send me some of the advice the unions have been sending, hence teachers think they will be off completely too

15/03/2020, 21:19 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200315-WA0018.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356087**

15/03/2020, 22:01 - Edwin: The education of children goes on regardless of coronavirus. Schools should be preparing for home school courses

It will not be good for children to be out of school until September where this is

headed.

16/03/2020, 12:50 - **NR** CEO Message to schools.pdf (file attached) **INQ000356056**

CEO Message to schools.pdf

16/03/2020, 12:51 - **NR** <Media omitted> **Awaiting Attachment**

Minister Weir letter to Principals - COVID-19.pdf

16/03/2020, 12:52 - **NR** <Media omitted> **Awaiting Attachment**

COVID-19 advice for educational settings 16.3.20.pdf

16/03/2020, 12:52 - **NR** <Media omitted> **Awaiting Attachment**

Letter to School Principals - 16-03-20.pdf

16/03/2020, 12:53 - **NR** This message was deleted

16/03/2020, 12:57 - **NR** Good direction from Peter for Principals.Â

- twice weekly information bulletins for schools throughout Northern Ireland.

- school principals will be the first to have this information.

- will be following the expert clinical advice provided to me by the Chief Medical Officer, the PHA and drawing from guidance issued by the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies.

- at some point in the future I will have to close schools based on the approach I have outlined above.

16/03/2020, 14:27 - Phil Weir: <https://www.rte.ie/news/coronavirus/2020/0316/1123480-coronavirus-ireland/>

16/03/2020, 20:22 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200316-WA0004.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356089**

16/03/2020, 20:36 - **NR** IMG-20200316-WA0003.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356088**

16/03/2020, 21:42 - **NR** IMG-20200316-WA0005.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356090**

17/03/2020, 06:55 - **NR** IMG-20200317-WA0000.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356091**

17/03/2020, 13:08 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200317-WA0003.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356092**

17/03/2020, 13:08 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200317-WA0004.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356093**

17/03/2020, 13:10 - Emma Little Pengelly: This is frustrating. They need to be told that teachers will be in after the pupils are send home to do this job. Bizarre to close school to pupils, in anticipation of the school being closed to pupils...because they want off too when that happens...

17/03/2020, 13:36 - Peter Weir: They have been told. To be fair there will need to be a day or two for preparation at some stage by schools in the absence of pupils.

17/03/2020, 15:04 - **NR** <Media omitted> **[Irrelevant image]**

17/03/2020, 15:08 - Emma Little Pengelly: Well, that's useful ðŸª·â€¢ci,ðŸª·â€¢ci.

17/03/2020, 15:09 - Emma Little Pengelly: Had phone call from QUB. VC keen to speak to Diane asap. UU about to announce immediate ceasing of all tutorials and classes. QUB are going to do same but wanted call first. Likely coming soon depending on what time UU go

17/03/2020, 15:13 - Edwin: What contingencies are being put in place for exams. In reality students can get on with assignments lectures can be delivered virtually, the holy lands miss out on a party, but how do they propose to manage the end of year exams.

17/03/2020, 15:15 - Emma Little Pengelly: They are unclear about exams and if or when students can complete their degree. They will be led by great of UK and discussions with UK Gov still underway.

Coursework still to be completed. They are confident all resources can be done online. Some courses do not require exams but those that do they have yet to find solution in line with rest of UK. Physical libraries etc will close, tutors available via email etc, looking at what happens for QUB Halls and possible reimbursement of partial for that not used

17/03/2020, 15:15 - Phil Weir: Working towards an agreed position on schools by this evening, would be helpful if could hold off for couple hours

17/03/2020, 15:17 - Emma Little Pengelly: Is it likely to be in line with that? If not, may be difficult case to ask them to hold off

17/03/2020, 15:20 - Edwin: I am under some pressure with CAFRE.

It is a must that we get an agreed way forward on education and economy.

The public are looking to us for leadership and we can't afford to be scrapping with them. That doesn't mean giving them what they want but need Agreement

17/03/2020, 15:23 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200317-WA0007.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356094**

17/03/2020, 15:23 - Peter Weir: Wouldn't be immediate. Looking at study from SAGE which would suggest that immediate closure of schools on balance not helpful but better position are schools not coming back after Easter. I can live with that but if we jump too quickly, particularly without medical sign off, it just looks like everyone folded under pressure.

17/03/2020, 15:24 - Gordon Lyons: Yes- need to get past the schools issue and focus on the support measures and other packages to show we recognise the problems people are facing

17/03/2020, 15:27 - Emma Little Pengelly: The phasing approach seems logical?

- all teachers with underlying medical should stay home
- categories of pupils start to stay home
- esp those with underlying medical conditions
- those pupils with exams or parents are critical workers to remain in school
- smaller classes and frees up teacher time over next few weeks to prepare for full closure?

17/03/2020, 15:29 - Peter Weir: Easter a natural Segway for both schools and parents. Schools will need a couple of days preparation so if it can be done in line with advice from SAGE/CMO could be to end pupil attendance on Wed fortnight and use the last couple of days for internal school prep.

17/03/2020, 15:34 - Peter Weir: Re the exam cohort they are based placed and focused for remote learning and support. They also have least impact on parental absence. On emergency workers, key focus should be on providing glorified childcare/childminding covering those in pre school year and foundation years P1 & P2.

17/03/2020, 15:54 - Gordon Lyons: Presbyterian church to issue formal advice saying that all Sunday worship should stop till told otherwise

17/03/2020, 15:54 - Edwin: GCSE and A level students all stop shortly after Easter in any event

We need virtual schools going forward not a time for a jolly

17/03/2020, 15:55 - **I&S** Church of Ireland to do the same

17/03/2020, 17:51 - Phil Weir: My phone about to die. Electricity off due to rainfall so no WiFi at moment. Electrician on way out. Dept'l mobile **I&S**

17/03/2020, 18:58 - Edwin: How are we doing this face time?

17/03/2020, 18:59 - **I&S** Goodness don't ask me

17/03/2020, 20:31 - Emma Little Pengelly: Do we know if guidance has issued on the stay



at home if possible across public sector and civil service yet?

17/03/2020, 20:32 - Emma Little Pengelly: And if so, as HOCs put in place a "critical and key staff" plan to ensure we have the right people in tomorrow in the right places?

17/03/2020, 20:52 - Emma Little Pengelly: Folks - is everyone on skype?

Arlene - did you get set up? If so, can you send you name?

17/03/2020, 21:17 - [redacted] FaceTime???

17/03/2020, 21:20 - Emma Little Pengelly: Skype can work on android phones as ipad.

17/03/2020, 21:25 - Phil Weir: Can folk come to Castle for 9 in morning to continue to work on an economic package with a view to putting to Sf late morning, for announcement later in day

17/03/2020, 21:29 - Emma Little Pengelly: Would it be good to tee this up tonight with a tweet from Diane and shared by party indicating that given Chancellor's announcement today, she is currently activity putting together a package of further proposals for presentation to exec tomorrow and hope that working with her, the Finance Minister and Exec will work with her to ensure business & economy is best protected at this very challenging time?

17/03/2020, 21:30 - Emma Little Pengelly: We should at least be aiming for the UK measures with some local tailoring to show added value of local administration

17/03/2020, 21:31 - Emma Little Pengelly: My view is that we should get something out tonight to tee it up so that we look like we are on front foot and others are reacting to us being proactive on this.

17/03/2020, 21:56 - [redacted]: Diane is on GMU.

17/03/2020, 22:10 - Emma Little Pengelly: ðŸ'

17/03/2020, 22:21 - Phil Weir: Spoke with s mcglade. Teed up discussions between parties tomw on economic measures. Recognises need to have more to announce

17/03/2020, 22:24 - [redacted] Good job. Thanks.

17/03/2020, 22:43 - Emma Little Pengelly: Looking at the total lockdown in other countries, we appear to be about 5 to 7 days behind where there are now. This is very worrying of course. Some key issues;

- I think we should push ahead with the concept of a single NI Gov Facebook, Twitter and Webpage for all info on NI Covid-19

- Key messages should be put together on common themed graphics so people know when they see it that it is a NI Gov official message. This format can be used for graphics up on all social media sites through the official channels for all NI Gov Department and to pass on the UK info.

- we need a dedicated social media team within EIS. They need to make the call tomorrow morning if they have the expertise, if not they need to get it from existing contracts

- Key Buisness support package needs to be agreed and put out tomorrow asap

- Many thousands are being made redundant, or on zero hours contracts they are not getting work, other business owners and workers are going to have to shut - we need an employee support package announced as soon as possible

- Peter needs to communicate to the Depart of Communities asap that Depart of Education does not have the ability to give FSM children's families direct payments (unless you have some power that I am not aware of in the Depart Peter?) - we need to out pressure in DoC and SF to come up with and implement an urgent solution

- we urgently need a solution for childcare of essential workers - would a call for

volunteers and childcare settings to supply this work? They must, of course, be able to look after children by law.

- We should consider a stateswomanlike address to NI by FM and DFM to put across that regardless of the difference on School closures, we are working together to ensure and protect all lives as our No.1 priority

- Consideration for a NI call for volunteers at this early stage, to be boosted across social media platforms for people to register for a range of roles to be allocated if needed in due course

- A call for medical and trained staff to get on a register now

- the Older Person's Commission to be brought on board to bring forward range of support mechanisms for older people to include suggestions on ensuring food, medication deliveries, the identification of those with no families that need help and actions to mitigation social loneliness and isolation

Just some ideas- any others?

17/03/2020, 22:45 - Emma Little Pengelly: I also believe that, at this time of national emergency, there should be urgent consideration of a "4 nations" press conference with PM - all devolved regions with PM on televised conference to reassure people?

17/03/2020, 22:50 - Emma Little Pengelly: We also need to be aware that in behaviour science terms we are now dealing with emergency, war time like circumstance - ergo people want to see what is termed in political science as "strong man" political leaders - (now strong women..) - this is very well established. Strong and serious, calm and professional. Proper backdrops and clear messages. They need to see leaders speaking. Any confusion compounds panic

17/03/2020, 22:51 - Emma Little Pengelly: - we also need to check that with borders closing that key food lines esp on fruit and veg not grown in uk can make their way into our supermarkets

17/03/2020, 22:51 - Peter Weir: On the specific point of FSM that point has been made directly to DoC, and leaving anything else aside wouldnâ€™t work as a model. Alternatives routes being worked on between Depts, but realistically for DoC to step up

17/03/2020, 22:54 - Emma Little Pengelly: I would suggest a formal letter to her outlining this into the system asap. It will be a v short window when kids are home before this becomes a big issue. You can't do this, put it in record. When schools close, this benefit connected issue now falls to DoC. I saw no concept of that from Harghy on Monday

17/03/2020, 22:54 - Emma Little Pengelly: You must have this on the record to keep yourself right

17/03/2020, 22:55 - Peter Weir: In terms of payments route, this isnâ€™t the route of her own officials but can put it on record

17/03/2020, 22:58 - Emma Little Pengelly: Regardless of what they are saying, we need a solution. We must face the world as it is, not how we wish it to be. The reality is that many families will not have access to the funds to keep feeding the family at home for that period without big changes. Remember that those on working family tax credit get FSMs, many on that benefit DO work but may find themselves on reduced hours or redundant. A newly redundant parent with teens at home to feed will be very difficult in the short term. We need to be empathetic and understanding to those pressures

17/03/2020, 22:59 - Emma Little Pengelly: ...and many of those on FSMs are our voters (I am saying this as a child who was a FSM child for many years)

17/03/2020, 23:00 - Peter Weir: Yes and there are practical solutions being worked on. Ps resist the temptation to ask if you were well fedðŸ˜†

17/03/2020, 23:01 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200317-WA0028.jpg (file attached) INQ000356095

17/03/2020, 23:01 - Emma Little Pengelly: Making up for it...ðŸ˜†

17/03/2020, 23:02 - Peter Weir: ðŸ'

17/03/2020, 23:08 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200317-WA0029.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356096**

17/03/2020, 23:24 - **I&S** Some great ideas Emma.

18/03/2020, 11:14 - **NR** <https://www.building.co.uk/news/contractors-outline-plans-to-keep-sites-up-and-running-in-face-of-coronavirus-threat/5104994.article>

18/03/2020, 14:46 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200318-WA0006.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356097**

18/03/2020, 20:34 - Phil Weir: IMG-20200318-WA0010.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

18/03/2020, 20:36 - **NR** Looks good I think

18/03/2020, 20:53 - **NR** <Media omitted> **[Irrelevant image]**

18/03/2020, 20:53 - **NR** For tomorrow Peter

18/03/2020, 21:40 - Peter Weir: Got a message on Facebook saying I hear the UK is going to provide school provision for children of key health care workers. What about my daughter, she is a teacher, stop playing roulette with people's lives and close all schools completely. You really despair of some folk

18/03/2020, 21:42 - **I&S** I despaired a long long time ago. I am in a post despair era....

19/03/2020, 19:55 - **NR** <https://twitter.com/montie/status/1240724704387829760?s=12>

19/03/2020, 23:22 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200319-WA0008.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356099**

20/03/2020, 00:01 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200320-WA0000.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356100**

20/03/2020, 00:02 - Emma Little Pengelly: Reality is that we will never know how many actually died in C

21/03/2020, 10:15 - Peter Weir: Just thinking if we are to show an example on abiding by social distancing should we not be getting the Long gallery or members dining room set up for Executive meetings instead of room 21. After all there won't be any public functions held in those rooms

21/03/2020, 10:16 - **I&S** Yes we are going up to PB on Monday for executive

23/03/2020, 22:29 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200323-WA0015.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

Dee Craig's gaff - so now to convince Richard to let me...ðŸ˜˜ðŸ™ðŸŒ

23/03/2020, 22:31 - **I&S**: Who??

23/03/2020, 22:31 - Emma Little Pengelly: The guy who does the murals for our urban village and other projects. Def goals!!

23/03/2020, 22:32 - **I&S** Tasteful.....#not

23/03/2020, 22:32 - Emma Little Pengelly: I love it! ðŸŒðŸ˜!

23/03/2020, 22:34 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200323-WA0016.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

He advises me it was originally a bit of a joke...but decided to keep it for a bit!

23/03/2020, 22:40 - **I&S** IMG-20200323-WA0017.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356103**

23/03/2020, 22:43 - Gordon Lyons: IMG-20200323-WA0018.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356104**

23/03/2020, 23:15 - Emma Little Pengelly: Poor Colin, we have all been there...ðŸŒðŸŒðŸŒ

24/03/2020, 08:11 - Phil Weir: Intention that emergency covid committee at 10am this morning will go into executive mode to adopt the Westminster lists on essential and non-essential business. Important that ministers attend, at the very least by dialling in

24/03/2020, 10:10 - Edwin: Where is Executive meeting

24/03/2020, 10:10 - Phil Weir: Long gallery

24/03/2020, 10:11 - Gordon Lyons: Members dining room

24/03/2020, 11:52 - [NR] Michelle on Talk Back at 1215

24/03/2020, 11:53 - Edwin: [NR] wants Arlene or myself on Talkback, leaders call obviously

19/04/2020, 13:57 - [NR] added Kim Ashton and [I&S]

20/04/2020, 09:23 - Phil Weir: Zoom catch up at 11.30am

20/04/2020, 09:44 - Peter Weir: Grand

20/04/2020, 11:25 - Gordon Lyons: Meeting ID - [I&S]

20/04/2020, 22:20 - [I&S] IMG-20200420-WA0010.jpg (file attached) [INQ00356105]

Just in case you didn't realise We live on an island.....

20/04/2020, 22:42 - [I&S] <https://www.thedetail.tv/articles/as-a-society-we-should-be-ashamed-of-how-we-treat-and-resource-the-nhs>

I don't think Niall is a fan!

20/04/2020, 22:50 - [I&S]: Well being so ill hasn't changed him! Very nasty stuff

20/04/2020, 22:52 - [I&S]: I see that Richard Mirgan seems to have the Stena line story

20/04/2020, 22:52 - Edwin: Could always do what would happen in a united Ireland get private insurance, pay for doctors, drugs and ED

20/04/2020, 22:53 - Edwin: All country and forest parks will be open for pedestrian access only from tomorrow with supervision

20/04/2020, 22:55 - [I&S]: Good. Who is responsible for cemeteries. [I&S]

**Irrelevant & Sensitive**

20/04/2020, 22:56 - Gordon Lyons: That needs change in regs

20/04/2020, 22:57 - Gordon Lyons: It's explicit in them that they are to be closed

20/04/2020, 22:58 - [I&S]: Of course. We need another go at that one.

20/04/2020, 22:58 - Gordon Lyons: Absolutely

20/04/2020, 22:59 - [I&S] Us, councils want to ease but can't.

**I&S**

20/04/2020, 23:00 - [I&S] Its cruel

20/04/2020, 23:00 - [I&S] It is shocking. You have to wonder what all of this is doing to people's mental health and anxiety levels.

21/04/2020, 07:43 - Peter Weir: There is no rationale for keeping the graveyards shut. It is turning lithargy into doctrine, and means into ends. The point is not whether people are physically outside or even where they are but their interaction with others and that seems to be forgotten about. It is horrendously cruel for some families

21/04/2020, 09:27 - Gordon Lyons: <https://t.co/HzShMX0dT2>

21/04/2020, 09:29 - Phil Weir: Mark h durkan has letter in looking issue reconsidered

21/04/2020, 09:32 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200421-WA0001.jpg (file attached) [INQ00356106]

21/04/2020, 10:35 - Peter Weir: Is it worthwhile someone having a conversation with Eastwood?

21/04/2020, 10:43 - Peter Weir: Any thoughts yet on any timings for meetings today re internal economic briefing and budget allocations

21/04/2020, 18:53 - Phil Weir: Is not going to be a finance paper tomw merely a discussion, so rather than do call tonight, we ll aim to do a zoom at 11am in the morning

21/04/2020, 18:54 - Peter Weir: Ok

22/04/2020, 10:50 - Gordon Lyons: Meeting ID- **I&S**

22/04/2020, 10:54 - Edwin: I am currently in meeting with MIG group

22/04/2020, 11:21 - Phil Weir: Going to resume (rezoom) at 1145 for those available

22/04/2020, 11:22 - Edwin: Join you then

22/04/2020, 12:25 - **I&S** IMG-20200422-WA0003.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

My SPAD has been knocked out cold by all of this

22/04/2020, 12:31 - Emma Little Pengelly: A picture of despair...

22/04/2020, 12:31 - **I&S** Know how she feels

22/04/2020, 12:45 - **I&S** Could someone ask given that cmo has supported opening graveyards thru last week papers and given the reputational damage being caused to executive do we want to move on that issue today? Iâ€™m in chair so better if someone else raises under AOB

22/04/2020, 12:53 - Edwin: Yes

22/04/2020, 12:56 - Edwin: IMG-20200422-WA0004.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

My lad is much more switched on.

22/04/2020, 12:57 - **I&S** Wow!

22/04/2020, 15:55 - Peter Weir: Hargey has **[Irrelevant & Sensitive]** Sheâ€™s had a tough paper round clearly

23/04/2020, 22:00 - Phil Weir: Appreciate Edwin's circumstances, but will rest of us aim to do a zoom from 11.30 in morning? Gordon/I can forward code on to Mark Beattie too

23/04/2020, 22:04 - Peter Weir: No problem

24/04/2020, 11:29 - Gordon Lyons: Same meeting ID as last

Time

24/04/2020, 13:11 - Emma Little Pengelly: Ban the bouncy castles!!!!

24/04/2020, 13:11 - **I&S** Good Sinn Fein policy I think

24/04/2020, 13:12 - Peter Weir: Down with this sort of thing

24/04/2020, 13:36 - Emma Little Pengelly: Current rate today;

NI total (PHA and Nisra) - 276 with 1.8m = 153 3 per million of population

ROI total (Confirmed cases with test, any location) - 794 with 4.9m = 162.04 per million of population

24/04/2020, 13:37 - Emma Little Pengelly: Measurements are slightly different, but not to conclude the rate is higher here at this stage in any way than ROI

24/04/2020, 13:37 - **I&S** These old identity politics

24/04/2020, 13:38 - Emma Little Pengelly: Lol

24/04/2020, 13:40 - Emma Little Pengelly: V good response by Ian Young

24/04/2020, 13:48 - **I&S** Yes. To both questions

24/04/2020, 14:17 - Emma Little Pengelly: The social distancing requirements is already in law so that would apply to gatherings in graveyards as far as I understand

24/04/2020, 14:22 - Emma Little Pengelly: This applies everywhere else in the UK and ROI - it isn't beyond the wit of man (or woman) to find a solution, looking at what has worked elsewhere..

24/04/2020, 14:28 - Emma Little Pengelly: We can't allow councils the full power not to or to delay badly

24/04/2020, 14:40 - Gordon Lyons: Naomi do you need some ice for that burn??

24/04/2020, 15:28 - Peter Weir: Very neatly handled Diane

24/04/2020, 16:49 - Peter Weir: I see DFM has said that she listened very carefully - has she become Michelle of the Resistance from Allo Allo

24/04/2020, 16:49 - Gordon Lyons: She will say it only once

24/04/2020, 16:50 - **I&S** That's an age thing. The youngsters will not get that

24/04/2020, 16:50 - Peter Weir: As opposed to Naomi who will say everything several times

24/04/2020, 16:59 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200424-WA0003.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356109**

Almost that time on a Friday folks!! New variation by order of the President

26/04/2020, 14:42 - Peter Weir: This message was deleted

26/04/2020, 14:45 - Peter Weir: **Irrelevant & Sensitive**  
**Irrelevant & Sensitive**

26/04/2020, 16:34 - **I&S** IMG-20200426-WA0002.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356110**

27/04/2020, 09:04 - **I&S** Boris going to make an announcement

27/04/2020, 11:25 - Phil Weir: Zoom at 1130 for those available

27/04/2020, 11:30 - Kim Ashton: Is it the same code?

27/04/2020, 11:32 - Emma Little Pengelly: Can you send code thanks

27/04/2020, 11:38 - Emma Little Pengelly: ??

27/04/2020, 11:38 - Kim Ashton: **I&S**

27/04/2020, 13:54 - Edwin: <https://youtu.be/NMtdjwIduIE>

**Irrelevant & Sensitive**

27/04/2020, 22:54 - Phil Weir: We re looking at have a more comprehensive discussion with ministers and spads on issues like brexit and the key challenges in our depts and across executive re leaving lockdown and recovery- Wed afternoon after executive- any other issues you think useful to discuss let me know please

27/04/2020, 22:57 - Edwin: Okay

27/04/2020, 23:10 - Peter Weir: Suits me fine

28/04/2020, 09:47 - Phil Weir: RECOVERY ISSUES1.docx (file attached) **INQ000356169**

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28/04/2020, 09:47 - Phil Weir: Some thoughts from Peter re education issues

29/04/2020, 09:58 - Phil Weir: 1130 zoom, then broader discussion 15 mins after exec ends

29/04/2020, 11:26 - Gordon Lyons: Meeting ID **I&S**

29/04/2020, 14:41 - **I&S** Zzzzzz

29/04/2020, 14:44 - Peter Weir: If I was a doctor I would be calling for a resuscitation team

29/04/2020, 14:45 - **I&S**: Diane could you raise that you may bring a hardship paper and then we can ask about rates

29/04/2020, 14:46 - **I&S** Of course!

29/04/2020, 15:26 - Phil Weir: Edwin has to do press conf and Diane has calls to gb ministers etc so wondering how people feel about rescheduling. Arlene suggesting could do a call about 8pm for instance if people wished

29/04/2020, 15:26 - Edwin: Suits me

29/04/2020, 15:27 - Gordon Lyons: Yes thatâ€™s fine

29/04/2020, 15:28 - Peter Weir: Ok. Could we do about 830.

29/04/2020, 17:17 - **I&S** I will fit in with what suits others

29/04/2020, 17:18 - Phil Weir: Let's aim for 830, same ID code as earlier- brexit, recovery and aob

29/04/2020, 21:09 - Gordon Lyons: Log back in again- it hit the limit but we can start again

01/05/2020, 08:44 - Phil Weir: Zoom at 11.30

01/05/2020, 10:57 - Edwin: Might be late as in a meeting with red meat sector at 11

01/05/2020, 11:32 - Gordon Lyons: Pushing meeting back to 12, executive not meeting till 12.30 now

01/05/2020, 12:00 - Edwin: Meeting on?

01/05/2020, 12:00 - Phil Weir: Not til 1230

01/05/2020, 12:01 - Edwin: Our meeting

01/05/2020, 12:01 - Gordon Lyons: Not yet... discussions ongoing between FM and DFM re agenda and papers

01/05/2020, 12:02 - Edwin: Okay

01/05/2020, 12:48 - Gordon Lyons: Zooming now

01/05/2020, 12:48 - Gordon Lyons: **I&S**

01/05/2020, 14:10 - Emma Little Pengelly: Naomi should also consider lockdown fatigue and mental health!! I ðŸ˜ˆ;ðŸ˜ˆ;

01/05/2020, 14:15 - **I&S** Lockdown is not helping her health, that lady has a big problem

01/05/2020, 17:18 - Peter Weir: I wondered if there was something wrong with her today as she kept quiet until sob

04/05/2020, 11:27 - Phil Weir: Zoom now for those available, usual code

04/05/2020, 11:28 - Peter Weir: Will be a few minutes late

04/05/2020, 12:17 - Peter Weir: I see Conor burns has resigned

04/05/2020, 12:31 - **I&S** Are we having zoom first

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04/05/2020, 12:32 [redacted] No straight in as meant to start now

04/05/2020, 12:39 [redacted] I&S What are we doing with the Magee paper

04/05/2020, 12:40 [redacted] I thought it wasn't going to be on the agenda

04/05/2020, 13:01 - Peter Weir: Surely after this weekend there will one less out of town visitor to the north coast

04/05/2020, 13:17 - Edwin: It was an essential journey

04/05/2020, 13:45 - Edwin: Suspect from Declans comments around sport GAA are putting them under pressure

04/05/2020, 13:46 - [redacted] I&S Alastair and I were wondering about his mask issue. Surely a boy like him has access to one or two

04/05/2020, 13:46 - Edwin: Now now

04/05/2020, 13:46 - [redacted] I&S : <Media omitted> [redacted] [Irrelevant image]

04/05/2020, 14:32 - Peter Weir: Assume Thursday at noon

04/05/2020, 15:13 - Edwin: High noon

04/05/2020, 20:12 - Kim Ashton: Hi All as some of you know I'm heading back to Mid Ulster, so seeing this is the last chance I may get to speak to all our ministers together I thought I'd leave you all with a wish list for Mid Ulster.

Edwin - Our farmers need some money in Tyrone (dont forget Conor is still sitting on that 30mil that should cover us 80%)

Diane - Mid Ulster needs the manufacturing hub pretty please

Peter - A new Sports centre for Aghnacloy College please (Arlene is ready to cut the sod with you)

Gordon - CV Rugby need a new clubhouse be a nice addition to the Tbus funding (Arlene and I will meet you there for cutting the Ribbon )

Think that's all for now oh and by the way Timothy has the Enforcer's spreadsheet so that isn't going away.

You are all doing a great job keep it up and I've no doubt I will see you out and about. Kim

04/05/2020, 20:13 - [redacted] I&S : Sorry to hear you are leaving us Kim

04/05/2020, 20:14 - Peter Weir: Best wishes Kim. Will see you soon, if we ever get to move again

04/05/2020, 20:15 - Kim Ashton left

05/05/2020, 15:15 - [redacted] I&S We give sf and sdlp what they wanted on city deal yesterday and the next day they start messing about over York Street interchange, entirely unacceptable.

05/05/2020, 15:15 - [redacted] I&S What is that. Been in meetings all day

05/05/2020, 22:54 - Edwin: They are questioning whether the yorkgate interchange is needed as traffic has dropped by 70%

05/05/2020, 23:03 - [redacted] I&S Wonder when that measuring started?

05/05/2020, 23:05 - [redacted] I&S A lot of ranting about Sailortown and putting cars before people.

Finucane McCusker quoted, cant see it now was on BBC website this afternoon

06/05/2020, 21:23 - Peter Weir: Is there a time agreed for the exec tomorrow or have I missed that

06/05/2020, 21:31 - Phil Weir: 10am

06/05/2020, 22:28 - Phil Weir: Depts are being circulated with an updated draft of



decision making paper for consideration and further comment. FM has made clear it can be discussed during executive but is not for decision tomw

07/05/2020, 10:00 - Phil Weir: Pushed back 15 mins, can do brief zoom now for those available. Usual code

07/05/2020, 10:29 - [redacted] I&S The policy lead is Health.

07/05/2020, 10:29 - Phil Weir: Agreed

07/05/2020, 11:18 - Peter Weir: Naomi is hard to listen to

07/05/2020, 11:19 - [redacted] I&S : You say that as if that is news

07/05/2020, 11:20 - Edwin: Hogging things as she continues to promote paralysis that has little public support, incremental relaxation based on publi safety needs to happen and soon.

07/05/2020, 11:21 - Peter Weir: Probably wonâ€™t lead any front pagesðŸ˜€

07/05/2020, 11:32 - [redacted] I&S Itâ€™s refreshing to hear Robin take responsibility for the regs.

But he is absolutely not prepared to talk about wider health impacts. I am getting stuff in this all the time.

07/05/2020, 11:33 - Peter Weir: Yes there is no point saving 100 lives from covid if we cost 200 from other sources

07/05/2020, 11:40 - Edwin: We are doing that, less screening, less clinics, less people reporting TIAs and chest complaints leading to more strokes and heart attacks. All hospitals are operating well below capacity.

We need to isolate those this will impact, more companies opening because they will be bankrupt if they don't.

Lockdown was based on an overwhelmed health service 15,000 deaths that Robin warned of. We are not in that place.

07/05/2020, 11:52 - [redacted] I&S I agree. Clearly this is something Robin does not want to talk about.

07/05/2020, 11:57 - Peter Weir: Problem with public expectation which Nicola has helped build

07/05/2020, 12:04 - [redacted] I&S : Has anyone a sense of what is included in the Housing Amendment Bill

07/05/2020, 12:24 - Gordon Lyons: Naomis face said it all. You are in her sights

[redacted] Irrelevant & Sensitive

07/05/2020, 12:25 - [redacted] Irrelevant & Sensitive I get weary of the droning

07/05/2020, 12:32 - Phil Weir: Housing amendment bill reclassifies housing associations back into private sector, so borrowings are not considered public borrowing

07/05/2020, 12:37 - [redacted] I&S Iâ€™m watching where this is going. Naomi is going to stop us flying

07/05/2020, 12:40 - [redacted] I got that Phil. Read the sub again. Just trying a short cut.

07/05/2020, 12:40 - Peter Weir: Indeed, but I thought the problem re airports from the experts isnâ€™t on flights but rather handling the proximity of people pre boarding but I would have thought that is handleable

07/05/2020, 12:40 - Edwin: Social isolation on a plane is not possible

07/05/2020, 12:42 - [redacted] I&S We will have to accept that somewhere along the line there is an element of risk to everything in life.

07/05/2020, 12:43 - Edwin: Correct

07/05/2020, 13:20 - Peter Weir: Think Edwin you will be off Naomiâ€™s Christmas card

list

07/05/2020, 13:26 - Edwin: How is it I have to do nasty cop with her

07/05/2020, 13:30 - Peter Weir: Comes naturally

07/05/2020, 13:34 - Edwin: Really takes it out of me

07/05/2020, 13:35 - Peter Weir: Maybe with those headphones and mics you could pilot a few of those planes

07/05/2020, 13:36 - Edwin: I had to comfort eat during the meeting I was so traumatised

07/05/2020, 13:37 - Peter Weir: Do you think Naomi has been doing the same

07/05/2020, 13:38 - Edwin: I saw Michael brought her a sandwich as a holding measure during the meeting

10/05/2020, 17:50 - Phil Weir: For info, latest version of covid executive decision making document being circulated now to depts for your feedback.

10/05/2020, 18:26 - Edwin: Can you send it to PD

10/05/2020, 18:43 - Peter Weir: I sent suggested change from my end to education table to perm sec yesterday but donâ€™t know if it was incorporated yet. Can u forward to my hotmail

10/05/2020, 22:04 - Phil Weir: About 11.20 for a zoom in morning?

10/05/2020, 22:04 - Edwin: Okay

10/05/2020, 23:06 - Peter Weir: Grand

11/05/2020, 11:22 - Gordon Lyons: I&S

11/05/2020, 11:22 - Gordon Lyons: I&S password if needed

11/05/2020, 11:22 - Phil Weir: Gordon can u look after zoom, I'm on one with hocs

11/05/2020, 12:21 - I&S Have we ever had a full paper on the care homes issue

11/05/2020, 12:22 - I&S No

11/05/2020, 12:22 - I&S We need to see that. Half of all our Covid deaths are in care homes. Bits of information is not enough

11/05/2020, 12:23 - I&S Iâ€™ll ask for that at end

11/05/2020, 12:25 - I&S That would be best.

11/05/2020, 12:40 - I&S Arlene useful to press him on a paper on wider health piece

11/05/2020, 12:54 - Peter Weir: If we were expecting 80% contamination of care homes, why are we only hearing that now?

11/05/2020, 12:55 - I&S Itâ€™s absolutely awful. Thatâ€™s why we need a paper. Let us know where we are. He needs to be pressed for this on the wider health piece.

11/05/2020, 12:56 - Edwin: Absolutely

13/05/2020, 23:14 - Phil Weir: Executive likely to start hour later at 11, can zoom from 1030

13/05/2020, 23:15 - I&S Ok. Thatâ€™s good. I have to go to PB to do it

14/05/2020, 10:32 - Peter Weir: Usual code etc?

14/05/2020, 10:39 - Phil Weir: Yes I&S

14/05/2020, 11:08 - Emma Little Pengelly: Sorry, I was stuck on phone. Is DUP zoom still on or over?

14/05/2020, 11:08 - Edwin: Still on

14/05/2020, 11:08 - Emma Little Pengelly: Asking me for a password?

14/05/2020, 11:08 - Phil Weir: Still on, exec not to start now til 1130

14/05/2020, 11:09 - Gordon Lyons: **I&S**

14/05/2020, 11:42 - Peter Weir: Subs not on agenda?

14/05/2020, 11:43 - Phil Weir: No, put in urgent procedure request and we ll try to get it done

14/05/2020, 11:44 - Peter Weir: Ok. Would that mean it could get done by weekend and notified to Exec on Monday

14/05/2020, 11:45 - Phil Weir: Yes

14/05/2020, 11:46 - Phil Weir: Af suggests should bring it up under any other business to highlight urgency

14/05/2020, 11:53 - Peter Weir: Will do

14/05/2020, 12:04 - Peter Weir: Ps when exec is over assume teo will need formal request from me seeking urgent procedure decision on the matter

14/05/2020, 12:04 - **I&S**: Yes

14/05/2020, 12:05 - **I&S**: Phillip could you send me the detail on R number. PO claim they have not got this

14/05/2020, 12:45 - Peter Weir: Donâ€™t want to suggest to her, but given she is getting a lift can she not take her iPad with her

14/05/2020, 12:45 - **I&S** Not everyone is a mobile as you pj ðŸ˜,

14/05/2020, 12:50 - Peter Weir: Thought I would make my lunch while Naomi was speaking. Looks like I will have finished eating as well

14/05/2020, 12:55 - Peter Weir: While initially joking I have been able to make and completely eat a cottage pie while Naomi was speaking

14/05/2020, 12:57 - Peter Weir: I thought Lurch was John Oâ€™Dowd

14/05/2020, 13:00 - **I&S** So science for a bit of the time but only when it suits

14/05/2020, 13:01 - Emma Little Pengelly: Surely liberty cannot only be denied if proportionate and necessary. In this case, the medical and scientific advice is that liberty can be restored in these circumstances. Surely there is a legal vulnerability

14/05/2020, 13:01 - Peter Weir: Did you not realise there is good science and bad science

14/05/2020, 13:03 - Emma Little Pengelly: In addition, 2 (3) of the Regs makes clear that "As soon as the Dept of Health considers that any restrictions or requirements set out in these regulations are no longer necessary to prevent, protect against, control or provide a public health response to the incidence or spread of infection in NI with the coronavirus, the Department of Health MUST publish a direction terminating that restriction or requirement.

14/05/2020, 13:04 - Emma Little Pengelly: This is a clear legal obligation "as soon as" -

14/05/2020, 13:06 - Emma Little Pengelly: Would it be worth me speaking to AG? He could issue urgent advice? He doesn't attend as he can't work zoom ðŸ˜.â€¢â€¢â€¢, ðŸ˜.â€¢â€¢â€¢,

14/05/2020, 13:06 - **I&S** Yes

14/05/2020, 13:09 - Emma Little Pengelly: No answer from john. Have sent him a message to ring me back urgently

14/05/2020, 13:09 - Emma Little Pengelly: That wording on the regs is a direct lift word by word from regs

14/05/2020, 13:13 - Emma Little Pengelly: Could we hear from ian young first

14/05/2020, 13:17 - Emma Little Pengelly: John ringing back in 5 mins

14/05/2020, 13:26 - **I&S** Are we zooming again

14/05/2020, 13:29 - Gordon Lyons: Yes

14/05/2020, 13:29 - Peter Weir: P

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14/05/2020, 13:30 - Peter Weir: Zooming internally?

14/05/2020, 13:30 - Gordon Lyons: **I&S**

14/05/2020, 13:30 - Gordon Lyons: Password **I&S**

14/05/2020, 13:31 - Gordon Lyons: In 5mins

14/05/2020, 14:25 - **I&S** cracking response from AG

14/05/2020, 14:25 - Peter Weir: Indeed

14/05/2020, 14:33 - Phil Weir: Dfm has agreed to support paper and recommendations. 3 of measures will be announced today at press conf to become law from midnight Sunday- recycle centres, garden centres and marriage for terminally ill. And that FM and dfm will make further statement on implementation of stage 1 on Monday when rest will be announced.

14/05/2020, 14:37 - **I&S** When are we starting

14/05/2020, 14:37 - Emma Little Pengelly: Usefully, the AG advice would also apply to any movement at all stages of the Recovery Plan

14/05/2020, 14:46 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200514-WA0012.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356111**

14/05/2020, 14:47 - Edwin: Looks like Deccy and mates could be on the run again

14/05/2020, 14:47 - Peter Weir: So that's Naomi, Nicola, Declan and me....gulp!

14/05/2020, 15:26 - Peter Weir: Assume the exec is waiting on Robin finishing ad hoc

14/05/2020, 15:36 - Phil Weir: Dfm on now

14/05/2020, 15:45 - **I&S** Where are they now on this issue

14/05/2020, 15:46 - Emma Little Pengelly: If 6 then both sets of parents could not be there???

14/05/2020, 15:46 - Emma Little Pengelly: Only 1 couple and 1??

14/05/2020, 15:46 - Emma Little Pengelly: Surely would need to be 7...

14/05/2020, 15:46 - Emma Little Pengelly: Assuming both sets of parents are alive...

15/05/2020, 11:47 - Peter Weir: I had an email from a constituent heavily involved with wind surfing which he points out is perfect for social distancing. I think it is important as per the medical advice that the relaxation that we will push on Monday is comprehensive on outdoor pursuits so that people realise it is not confined to the illustrative examples of golf and angling

15/05/2020, 11:53 - Phil Weir: Agreed- naomi's boat too, wording in paper quite broad re outdoor activity so how turn into regulations will be interesting

15/05/2020, 11:56 - **I&S** Will there be work going on this over the weekend. It's important that we don't say that we are still talking about it.

15/05/2020, 13:01 - Phil Weir: Have been a number of exec papers in over last few days with financial ask eg sub teachers, supporting people, local govt etc. finance minister intends to wrap them up in composite paper for Monday. Just mindful if there were any similar issues that ministers anticipated raising in near future may be value in aiming to get requests into system at this point

18/05/2020, 09:03 - Phil Weir: Zoom 11.30

18/05/2020, 11:36 - Gordon Lyons: **I&S**

18/05/2020, 11:36 - Emma Little Pengelly: Says it needs a password

18/05/2020, 11:36 - Gordon Lyons: **I&S**

18/05/2020, 11:36 - Emma Little Pengelly: Ta

18/05/2020, 11:46 - Edwin: Waiting to be admitted

18/05/2020, 11:46 - Edwin: To the zÃ²m meeting that is

18/05/2020, 13:43 - **I&S** Is there going to be a vote on this

18/05/2020, 15:48 - Emma Little Pengelly: Edwin - just deferring the carbon one

18/05/2020, 15:48 - Emma Little Pengelly: If you are happy to defer them all then no worries

18/05/2020, 15:56 - **I&S** Are we saying that we agree to go ahead on with GEMS and then work in the risk afterward

18/05/2020, 16:32 - Peter Weir: Didnâ€™t Murphy indicate that he was doing a statement to the Assembly tomorrow?

18/05/2020, 16:35 - Phil Weir: Yip

21/05/2020, 10:55 - Emma Little Pengelly: When I was out last night for my walk, there were a significant number of groups of young people (14 plus) out together and not in any way socially distancing. They were clearly same age group and did not look like same family groups. It is rather pointless having schools closed but parents allowing children out to run about together when they do no socially distance in any way. They were "horse playing" around as normal....

21/05/2020, 10:57 - Edwin: In general they are pretty oblivious to all this messaging

21/05/2020, 10:57 - Emma Little Pengelly: In addition, they didn't bother moving away from other walkers etc.

21/05/2020, 10:59 - Emma Little Pengelly: ...if anything, pushing each other into the path of people...presumably "for a laf"...

21/05/2020, 13:11 - Peter Weir: I hope none of them were your former constituents

21/05/2020, 13:19 - Emma Little Pengelly: All of them I reckon...ðŸª"ðŸ±. The place has gone to pot under CHanna ðŸª£

28/05/2020, 09:31 - **I&S** Are we zooming?

28/05/2020, 09:31 - **I&S** Still on road - go ahead and Iâ€™ll join when get to castle

28/05/2020, 09:37 - Gordon Lyons: This message was deleted

28/05/2020, 09:38 - Gordon Lyons: **I&S**

**I&S**

28/05/2020, 10:21 - **I&S** Anyone else not being admitted to executive meeting

28/05/2020, 10:21 - **I&S** Iâ€™m in

28/05/2020, 10:21 - Peter Weir: I got in but there is a wider technical problem which is barring many

28/05/2020, 10:22 - Phil Weir: Yes having probs, ending meeting and trying again

28/05/2020, 10:23 - **I&S** Okay

28/05/2020, 10:30 - **I&S** Still not able to get in

28/05/2020, 10:31 - Peter Weir: Got in first time but not now

28/05/2020, 10:31 - Gordon Lyons: **I&S**

28/05/2020, 10:31 - Gordon Lyons: This message was deleted

28/05/2020, 10:32 - Gordon Lyons: **I&S**

28/05/2020, 10:32 - Gordon Lyons: New login

28/05/2020, 10:32 - Phil Weir: IMG-20200528-WA0003.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

28/05/2020, 10:48 - Emma Little Pengelly: In light of the Nicola Mallon letter, I looked up the ROI scheme - it is now mandatory to fill out the form to say at what address the person flying in will be self-isolating or for not informing ROI Gov if that address changes. The penalty for not filling out the mandatory form and keeping it accurate is a fine up to Â£2500 or 6 months imprisonment

28/05/2020, 10:48 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200528-WA0004.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356113**

28/05/2020, 10:48 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200528-WA0005.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356114**

28/05/2020, 11:03 - Peter Weir: What about opticians? Poor old Dominic had no other choice but to drive 30 miles to check out his eyesight

28/05/2020, 11:35 - Emma Little Pengelly: This message was deleted

28/05/2020, 11:36 - **I&S** I can get the consumer advice to post on that

28/05/2020, 11:36 - **I&S** We need to get caravans open before August

28/05/2020, 11:36 - Emma Little Pengelly: Deposits and contract law - the law is clear on this. The deposit is to secure a service. If that service cannot be provided then it is the service provider who is liable, not the person trying to secure the service

28/05/2020, 11:37 - **I&S** And self catering Diane

28/05/2020, 11:55 - **I&S** Diane, do you want to ask If exec would be content/not object to taking bookings from august with all the caveats

28/05/2020, 11:55 - **I&S** Yes. Bring me in at end.

28/05/2020, 11:56 - **I&S** Could we push for mid July given Murphy intervention

28/05/2020, 11:57 - **I&S** My concerns is where does that leave caravans

28/05/2020, 11:58 - **I&S** Open. I could add that we could work with caravan parks to get coherent advice for ongoing review

28/05/2020, 12:27 - **I&S** What's my afternoon engagements

28/05/2020, 12:28 - Phil Weir: I'm happy to organise a few Edwin if wish

28/05/2020, 12:29 - **I&S** Thanks Phil

Wrong recipient thankfully nothing outrageous said

28/05/2020, 12:33 - **I&S** Lol ôŸ~,

28/05/2020, 12:43 - **I&S** Surely the canâ€™t. Donâ€™t have jurisdiction here

28/05/2020, 12:52 - **I&S** Just checking in case there was more

01/06/2020, 10:52 - **I&S** Nicola is going to push extension

01/06/2020, 10:52 - Edwin: I am ready

01/06/2020, 10:53 - Peter Weir: If she tries to push a vote, need to make it cross community

01/06/2020, 10:55 - Peter Weir: Unless clear that Robin will also block

01/06/2020, 11:02 - **I&S** Edwin are you coming in

01/06/2020, 11:03 - **I&S** Thanks just got it

01/06/2020, 11:03 - Edwin: My hand is raised

01/06/2020, 11:09 - **I&S** Costs re staying in have not been mentioned do you want to raise Diane?

01/06/2020, 11:10 [I&S] I have indicated

01/06/2020, 11:11 - Peter Weir: Nicola/ Naomi tictacing again by any chance

04/06/2020, 09:35 - Edwin: Are we having a pre meeting

04/06/2020, 09:42 - Gordon Lyons: IMG-20200604-WA0000.jpg (file attached) [Irrelevant image]

04/06/2020, 09:42 - Gordon Lyons: On now

04/06/2020, 10:28 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200604-WA0001.jpg (file attached) [Irrelevant image]

04/06/2020, 10:29 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200604-WA0002.jpg (file attached) [Irrelevant image]

04/06/2020, 10:29 - Emma Little Pengelly: [NR] claims to have organised it

04/06/2020, 11:28 - Peter Weir: Just an aside, on the issue of black lives matters, is  
[Irrelevant & Sensitive]

04/06/2020, 11:39 - [I&S] We all know why she needs to have the papers a good while in advance

08/06/2020, 11:01 - Phil Weir: Zoom at 1130

08/06/2020, 11:28 - Gordon Lyons: [I&S]

[I&S]

08/06/2020, 12:23 - Phil Weir: One point not touched on directly in earlier call but maybe worth referencing at some point is gradual reopening of government, central and local. One quarter of civil servants at home unable to contribute any work

08/06/2020, 12:24 - Peter Weir: How does that differ from normal times?

08/06/2020, 12:32 - Peter Weir: Is Naomi Nichola's spat or the other way around

08/06/2020, 12:47 - [I&S] I wish Naomi would breathe

08/06/2020, 12:48 - Peter Weir: Enabled me to lunch together and that was just in one of her sentences

08/06/2020, 12:48 - [I&S]: Me too

08/06/2020, 12:49 - Edwin: Doesn't even realise I am winding her up

08/06/2020, 12:54 - [I&S] Diane are you asking re estate agents etc

08/06/2020, 13:02 - [I&S] Coming to that.

08/06/2020, 13:04 - Emma Little Pengelly: Of course, as a political liberal that should be the position she takes...

08/06/2020, 13:04 - [I&S] I'm really bored now

08/06/2020, 13:05 - Peter Weir: Just now?

08/06/2020, 13:05 - Peter Weir: Reached that point some time ago

08/06/2020, 13:19 - [I&S] It's not what we think. Scientists and medics have said ok

08/06/2020, 13:39 - [I&S] Really strange interaction between Kearney and dFM.

08/06/2020, 13:39 - [I&S] Absolutely

08/06/2020, 13:42 - [I&S] It was so odd that she was agreeing with you and he was on a limb. Murphy didn't really come to her aid either

08/06/2020, 21:04 - Edwin: IMG-20200608-WA0007.jpg (file attached) [INQ000356118]

08/06/2020, 21:38 - Peter Weir: 'ÿ'

08/06/2020, 22:09 - Edwin:  
<https://www.facebook.com/781899675240136/posts/2907767822653300/?vh=e>

08/06/2020, 22:11 - Peter Weir: Tremendous.

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09/06/2020, 18:08 - Phil Weir: We've indicated we'll share with hocs shortly some issues for consideration ahead of Thurs- any other key ones would want to see included-

Step 1 completed?

Step 2 completed?

-Indoor family visits (/ bubbles)

-Indoor shopping centres

-Housing market- estate agents, surveyors etc

-Dates for second homes, caravan parks, hotels, restaurants, pubs

-Level of participation in sports

-Are all services of govt depts being provided at full capacity? Local govt services?- plans to bring back the 25% of nics staff who are out of office but not currently able to work

-Childcare

-Extension of key worker categorisation

Some other issues for timeframes/clarification -

Hospital/ care home visits

Gyms, leisure centres - can personal training with gyms closed to walk ins take place first?

Timeline for general dental services plan

Museums and libraries

Visitor Centres at tourist attractions

Cinemas- perhaps 25% capacity

Outdoor play parks

Churches and related church activities

Outdoor markets

Council services directly in person

09/06/2020, 18:46 - Peter Weir: Social distancing requirements particularly in a school context. Childcare should also be shorthand for other pre school provision and informal childcare/ childminding provision. It's a bit of a nonsense that at the moment technically you can hire a childminder but couldn't for example have an aunt looking after both her kids and yours

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09/06/2020, 20:16 - [I&S] Allied health professionals

Optician chiropractic podiatry etc

Summer activities for children camps bible clubs etc

Second homes could happen immediately

Public toilets

Swimming pools

No bubble for families restrict numbers on coming together

Numbers at weddings and funerals 10 is not a reasonable number

Indoor markets

Some may not be appropriate for early July, but need a significant announcement on Thursday

09/06/2020, 20:17 - [I&S] Sports coaching

10/06/2020, 22:54 - Emma Little Pengelly: Peter - is it an option to ask teachers and pupils to take their summer holidays earlier? I.e.that summer holidays will commence on 17th June. This would mean usual holiday period, just shifted forward?

11/06/2020, 00:40 - Peter Weir: Easier option is for effected teachers the other way around ie earlier return compensated by later time off in lieu eg senior school teachers finishing next year 17th June 2021. Problem is most will be coasting 17-30 June 2020 so no real benefit to them agreeing holidays early this year, particularly when they can hardly go anywhere

11/06/2020, 00:42 - Emma Little Pengelly: Can you out move them by offering it

11/06/2020, 00:43 - Emma Little Pengelly: Teachers may not like it, but surely most of the public would understand it

11/06/2020, 00:46 - Edwin: They need to start pulling their weight.

Everyone else is going back to work now while they are carping on the sidelines.

Little public sympathy for them

11/06/2020, 00:48 - Peter Weir: They will get offered it and to cover the key cohorts we only need 20% for that fortnight. Some will gurn and some will refuse to play ball but they are on a weak position. I think some don't realise how out of line they are with public position

11/06/2020, 01:00 - Emma Little Pengelly: If you offer them mid June start to their holidays then it dampens down legitimacy ("δΨ") of their complaint that their 2 month holiday is cut short

11/06/2020, 09:56 - [I&S] I had same nonsense with health unions, it's all about me me me, didn't care about medical outcomes.

Emma's suggestion is good as the weight of public opinion should be built behind you so they are left with little choice.

11/06/2020, 10:06 [I&S] Naomi is looking to claim this bubble

It is not very effective as people go back to work as both sets of grandparents may provide childcare and only one can be used. Doesn't help with childminders either

11/06/2020, 10:08 [I&S] Can we meet for an update

11/06/2020, 10:09 - Gordon Lyons: [I&S]

11/06/2020, 10:09 - [I&S] Is this now???

11/06/2020, 10:09 - Gordon Lyons: Yes

11/06/2020, 10:21 - [I&S] Doesn't go far enough

11/06/2020, 12:44 - Peter Weir: Hope I am never stuck in a social bubble with Declan

Kearney

11/06/2020, 12:46 - [I&S] To say I am underwhelmed

Buck eejit is hastily moving from step 1 to step2 while everywhere else moves on

11/06/2020, 12:47 - [I&S] So appalled I am now agreeing with Naomi albeit temporarily

11/06/2020, 12:53 - [I&S] Steady on Edwin

12/06/2020, 15:01 - [I&S] In assessing where we are now reference relaxation there is a public expectation we move considerably quicker than currently is the case.

Diane's paper will move things on but the rest of the Executive need to agree it and move forward with her. The line from Declan Kearney that we complete phase one and move to phase two is entirely out of touch.

12/06/2020, 15:04 - [I&S] We must be conscious of the science in all of this, good hand hygiene social distancing cleaning surfaces are all beneficial in the battle with Covid and needs to be kept to the forefront of the public consciousness.

12/06/2020, 15:05 - [I&S] Alongside that we need to move immediately on all low risk activity. Outdoor has been identified as low risk therefore all activity that is outdoor based

12/06/2020, 15:50 - [I&S] Should be permitted unless there is a pacific scientific reason not to do so.

For example summer time sees a lot of sports coaching, summer clubs etc as young people are not especially vulnerable and most activity is outdoors. Activities should not be restricted to 10 people, what is the logic eg eventing takes place over 40 acres of space, how does restricting numbers participating or attending help, all restrictions on numbers should be lifted whilst maintaining the cap on the numbers who can be together at any point.

Irish League football is another case in kind stadiums can hold 1,000s with 100s on attendance social distancing can be practised easily outdoors with limited impact on R.

Moving indoors the inability to attend church and worship has caused huge consternation. Most churches opened with up to 50% of capacity would suffice. Alternative pews being closed off with surfaces being wiped down with hand sanitizer would enable worship to recommence.

Contact retail such as podiatry, physio, hair and beauty treatment should be permitted with appropriate PPE.

Childcare is critical to reopening the economy we need to remove all barriers to get people back to work.

15/06/2020, 11:37 - [I&S] Zoom???

15/06/2020, 11:42 - Gordon Lyons: Yes

15/06/2020, 11:43 - [I&S]: Are we pre meeting

15/06/2020, 11:43 - Gordon Lyons: Yes

15/06/2020, 11:47 - Peter Weir: What are the dial in details

15/06/2020, 12:04 - Edwin: Exec zoom coming up host is in another meeting

Not letting me in

15/06/2020, 12:19 - Peter Weir: Where would we be without Declan's philosophical musings

15/06/2020, 12:20 - [I&S] At a shorter meeting

15/06/2020, 13:29 - [I&S] Well done Diane - I knew Naomi was going to be difficult once Ian young said opening hotels was a bigger risk than two households.

15/06/2020, 13:31 - [I&S] Phew. I thought it was getting stuck for a while

15/06/2020, 13:32 - Edwin: Massive step forward

15/06/2020, 13:35 - Phil Weir: Hold off any media around hospitality decisions until 4ish when press conf due- otherwise whole thing looks bit amateurish

15/06/2020, 14:12 - Edwin: We could not justify a 3 airport model pre Covid, feeding an unviable airport with cash when the outcome actually diminishes the offer made by other airports and leads to a net loss for consumers is illogical

15/06/2020, 14:15 - **I&S** You miss the point entirely Edwin. Itâ€™s Derry!!!

15/06/2020, 14:28 - Edwin: Sick of it

15/06/2020, 14:38 - **I&S** Edwin will you call for a cross community vote on this transition extension. Thanks

15/06/2020, 14:39 - Edwin: Yes

15/06/2020, 15:02 - Edwin: My aim in that meeting was to tell them nuthin

The less repetitive Miss Prim and motor mouth know the better.

18/06/2020, 11:27 - **I&S** Zoom?

18/06/2020, 11:29 - Phil Weir: Yes

18/06/2020, 11:36 - Peter Weir: What number

18/06/2020, 12:41 - **NR** added Peter Martin

18/06/2020, 13:04 - **I&S** Are you asking for cross community vote

18/06/2020, 13:04 - Phil Weir: Yes if vote will be necessary

18/06/2020, 13:45 - Peter Weir: Is it just me or are others getting a headache listening to Naomiâ€™s voice

18/06/2020, 13:46 - **I&S** : I think I will get myself a nice cup of tea

18/06/2020, 13:47 - Peter Weir: Well said Mrs Doyle

18/06/2020, 13:47 - **I&S** : U will u will u will

18/06/2020, 13:59 - Peter Weir: Has Nichola stepped outside of that room with the bookcase since March

18/06/2020, 14:01 - Edwin: Whiter than Antarctic

The tea is very relaxing helps with the droning noise

18/06/2020, 17:15 - **I&S** Is there another meeting

18/06/2020, 17:18 - **I&S** At some stage .....

18/06/2020, 17:19 - **I&S** Ok. I will start making something to eat then !

18/06/2020, 19:02 - Phil Weir: Nothing more on buick tonight. Officials going to do further work tomw to aim to resolve with view to Mondays executive meeting

18/06/2020, 19:03 - **I&S** Ta. Have a good evening everyone

18/06/2020, 19:03 - Peter Weir: Hurrah

18/06/2020, 19:03 - **I&S** Well done today Peter

18/06/2020, 19:22 - Peter Weir: Thought until a few days ago there would be more resistance. Think the biggest remaining obstacle will be transport and Mallon

22/06/2020, 11:13 - Phil Weir: Zoom from 11.40

22/06/2020, 11:43 - Peter Martin: Trying to get in, is Gordon running it?

22/06/2020, 11:43 - **I&S** Me too

22/06/2020, 11:43 - Phil Weir: Think he's tied up i ll send thru details now

22/06/2020, 11:44 - Edwin: Me too

22/06/2020, 11:47 - Phil Weir: **I&S**

22/06/2020, 13:22 - **I&S** I love the put down on Kearney

22/06/2020, 13:31 - Edwin: Connor is cross

22/06/2020, 13:38 - **I&S**: Got a little tetchy at the end

22/06/2020, 13:38 - **I&S**: Just a tad

22/06/2020, 13:38 - **I&S**: He needed try and bully me- doesnâ€™t work

22/06/2020, 13:39 - **I&S**: He is a bully

Very entertaining

22/06/2020, 17:50 - Phil Weir: Availability for a discussion on key issues and way forward re recovery tomw from 1.30? (Know economy questions from 2.45)

22/06/2020, 17:51 - Peter Weir: Yes suits me fine. I have a statement at 1230, but think they are likely to pull plug at 1

22/06/2020, 17:51 - **I&S** Philip can you put in our diary. Thanks

22/06/2020, 17:51 - **I&S** Should be ok but I will only be around for an hour. Among DUP??

22/06/2020, 17:52 - Phil Weir: Yeh, ministers and spads

23/06/2020, 12:49 - **I&S** Are we doing the recovery meeting

23/06/2020, 12:53 - Phil Weir: Yeh room 1 at 130 or zoom for anyone who can't make it- 9210425968 and 4GpTPf

23/06/2020, 13:09 - **I&S** Where are you

23/06/2020, 13:09 - **I&S** In my office

23/06/2020, 13:09 - **I&S** Ok. On my way up

23/06/2020, 13:09 - Edwin: I am on a visit will be late

29/06/2020, 11:11 - Phil Weir: Ministers and spads meeting tomw 1pm, FM office. Pre exec zoom today 130pm

29/06/2020, 11:21 - Peter Weir: Do you mean 1130 today. Is exec not at 12?

29/06/2020, 11:24 - Phil Weir: 2pm today

29/06/2020, 11:24 - Peter Weir: Ok

29/06/2020, 13:32 - Emma Little Pengelly: Code?

29/06/2020, 13:32 - Gordon Lyons: IMG-20200629-WA0005.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

29/06/2020, 14:22 - Peter Weir: Whereâ€™s Nicholaâ€™s bookcase?

29/06/2020, 14:22 - **I&S** Edwins is in trouble now, Naomi agrees with him.

29/06/2020, 14:23 - **I&S** Storey funeral .....

29/06/2020, 14:23 - Edwin: Nicola has came out of the social isolation in her own office

02/07/2020, 09:20 - Peter Weir: Pre meet?

02/07/2020, 09:34 - Gordon Lyons: Iâ€™m on

02/07/2020, 09:36 - Peter Martin: Do we have a zoom login?

02/07/2020, 09:39 - Gordon Lyons: Here

02/07/2020, 09:40 - Peter Martin: Thanks G

02/07/2020, 12:22 - Peter Weir: I see Clare Bailey now calling on Oâ€™Neill to step aside

02/07/2020, 12:23 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200702-WA0008.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356120**

02/07/2020, 12:25 - Peter Weir: I see even Chris Donnelly indicating on Twitter that she needs to start defusing this by changing tone

06/07/2020, 13:26 - Phil Weir: Zoom at 1.40- will send details just before

06/07/2020, 13:40 - Phil Weir: **I&S**

06/07/2020, 14:39 - Peter Weir: Hope SF aren't looking for funding for Performance Art/ Street Theatre

07/07/2020, 12:37 - Phil Weir: Aiming for a discussion with ministers and spads in FM office at 4pm

07/07/2020, 12:38 - Edwin: Can I do it virtually

07/07/2020, 12:38 - Edwin: Q

07/07/2020, 12:39 - Phil Weir: Will send zoom details just before for anyone not in building

07/07/2020, 12:51 - Peter Martin: I can be there (physically)

07/07/2020, 12:53 - Peter Weir: Me too

07/07/2020, 15:59 - Phil Weir: **I&S**

07/07/2020, 16:00 - **I&S** On my way

07/07/2020, 16:18 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200707-WA0008.jpg **[Irrelevant image]**

07/07/2020, 17:54 - Peter Weir: That reminds me, I must get a new leather sofa

09/07/2020, 09:36 - Peter Weir: Is there a pre meet?

09/07/2020, 09:48 - Phil Weir: **I&S**

09/07/2020, 10:57 - Peter Weir: About a venue for the Executive strategy discussion...

09/07/2020, 11:29 - Peter Weir: Slightly bizarrely in the middle of this the fire alarm went off and we had to evacuate the building for a while but able to follow on the iPad

16/07/2020, 08:48 - Edwin: Concerned we are getting shoehorned on the masks issue with little scientific evidence to support it

16/07/2020, 10:25 - Peter Weir: Do we have any feedback from retail sector. Think we need both medical and economic evidence. Was in Belfast City Centre and struck by how it was still fairly quiet. Retail view important as to whether it helps with consumer confidence or is a further hindrance

16/07/2020, 10:40 - **I&S** Agreed

16/07/2020, 11:43 - Peter Weir: The other factor we need to think through with any measure suggested is whether it acts as part of a package of potential mitigations to avoid a future second lockdown, or acts as a segway into it. A future 2nd lockdown must be avoided at all costs, particularly with optimistic movements in medium term on vaccines

16/07/2020, 13:36 - Edwin: I just don't get the sense this is driven by the science.

There will be further outbreaks and we will have to respond probably with localised lockdown, but I would be keener to hear the CMO talk about how we get back on track at tackling cancer, AF screening to avoid stroke etc; the traditional illnesses are taking many more lives and younger lives than Covid19 many which are avoidable.

Mallon is going the right way about killing of public transport so not inclined to roll over to her and Swann without qualitative scientific evidence to support them.

16/07/2020, 16:59 - Peter Weir: I will be looking to see what can be done to bypass Mallon

17/07/2020, 09:43 - Phil Weir: Keep 1pm on Tues free for a catch up if can

17/07/2020, 09:43 - **I&S** Already done

17/07/2020, 09:56 - Peter Weir: Where is NSMC on 31st?

17/07/2020, 09:57 - Phil Weir: Dublin Castle

17/07/2020, 18:10 - Peter Weir: If only Princess Beatrice had joined the republican movement, imagine how big her wedding could have been...

21/07/2020, 12:07 - Peter Weir: 1pm at Stormont still?

21/07/2020, 12:07 - Phil Weir: Yes

21/07/2020, 12:08 - Peter Weir: Good show. Heading up before lunch

21/07/2020, 13:41 - Peter Martin: Please accept my apologies, **I&S**

**I&S**

21/07/2020, 17:30 - Peter Weir: Wouldn't say Michelle O'Neill is error prone at the moment, but Sinn Fein thinking of replacing her with David De Gea

21/07/2020, 17:37 - Edwin: Ha ha

21/07/2020, 18:03 - Peter Weir: Brits Out has more of a ring to it than Brits In, Albeit With A 14 Day Quarantine Period

23/07/2020, 12:35 - Phil Weir: 1.40 pre-meet, room 1

23/07/2020, 13:16 - Phil Weir: 2 o'clock premeet

23/07/2020, 13:53 - Phil Weir: Prob 2.10pm more realistic

23/07/2020, 16:02 - Peter Weir: Naomi talking about wind instruments- oh the irony!

27/07/2020, 17:02 - Phil Weir: Ministers meeting tomw at 1pm

27/07/2020, 17:03 - Peter Weir: Ok. Can u give me a 2 min shout

28/07/2020, 13:05 - Phil Weir: Af says 130 at earliest to start meeting. Keep u posted

30/07/2020, 12:01 - Peter Weir: Is there a pre meet today? If so at what time? Want to factor in time for departure from Rathgael

30/07/2020, 13:50 - Phil Weir: Premeet now in rm 1 or Gordon's zoom for those available. Exec start back to 2.15

30/07/2020, 14:54 - Peter Weir: Where would we be without Declan's observations

30/07/2020, 14:55 - **I&S** Home a lot earlier

31/07/2020, 12:59 - Peter Weir: Could Declan not just sent on the minutes

31/07/2020, 13:00 - **I&S** I wonder how many opposite understood that all

31/07/2020, 13:00 - **I&S** Micheal Martin and that's it

31/07/2020, 13:01 - Peter Weir: I didn't understand the English bit so how anyone got the Irish bit

31/07/2020, 16:15 - Peter Weir: I suppose we will all have to call you Lady Dodds now! Many congratulations to Nigel, richly deserved

31/07/2020, 16:17 - Edwin: Yes you kept that quiet Lord and Lady Dodds of the Barony of Iveagh has a nice ring to it.

Congratulations to you both.

31/07/2020, 16:20 - **NR** To be fair to Mrs Dodds and indeed the incoming Lord he got a very very early morning phone call this morning with said news!

31/07/2020, 16:22 - **I&S** ðŸ+~ðŸ+\$ðŸ+~ðŸ+\$ðŸ+~ðŸ+\$

31/07/2020, 16:24 - Gordon Lyons: Excellent news. Congratulations

31/07/2020, 16:25 - Peter Martin: Brilliant news. Congratulations NigelðŸ+~ðŸ+\$

31/07/2020, 16:25 - Peter Weir: Great to see Kate Hoey and a few of the other appointments as well

31/07/2020, 16:29 - **I&S** Thank you everyone. I am pleased for Nigel on this one.

06/08/2020, 13:31 - Peter Weir: Any premeet?

06/08/2020, 14:55 - Peter Weir: Declan would drive you to drink

06/08/2020, 16:01 - Peter Weir: Nicola? Ooh get her!

06/08/2020, 16:15 - **I&S**: Edwin you managed to take her from zero to skywards v v quickly!!

06/08/2020, 16:22 - Edwin: It's a speciality of mine

Enjoying the sour bake on her face now.

13/08/2020, 13:37 - Phil Weir: Zoom at 1.45 for those available **I&S** and **I&S**

13/08/2020, 13:49 - Peter Weir: Will dial in in a minute

18/08/2020, 10:18 - Peter Weir: We were speaking to CCEA this morning re getting grades out. Schools can give info immediately to any pupil, but as regards formal notification for uni, all info has to first go to ucas who will issue it then issue it to all unis etc. UCAS looking to gather from all awards bodies at the same time, and won't issue until all in. Meeting convened by UCAS at the moment but looks like they will seek all info from all awards organisations by Friday

18/08/2020, 10:50 - **I&S** Thanks Peter. Very helpful

19/08/2020, 10:34 - Peter Weir: Diane, don't know if in your paper to the Exec on uni implications and costs arising out of the exam changes, you are referencing the lower down the order implications for FE and post primary schools of impact of 16/17 year olds, and it is difficult to determine how many additional will now seek to remain in school rather than largely go to FE, but a brief snapshot of the additional costs of students staying on in school would be about £6million per 1000. If making a guess maybe an extra 1-2000 may switch to remain in school now, but it's just guesswork

19/08/2020, 10:39 - Peter Weir: Ps the financial impact will be most focussed on non selective secondaries

19/08/2020, 11:18 - **I&S** I have just got it. Will share

19/08/2020, 13:45 - Edwin: Need some perspective on Covid

Hospital admissions are in single figures

Numbers of deaths are very low

Business confidence remains low

Many redundancies imminent

Small numbers behaving badly

Application of restrictions should be very clearly targeted to associated risk

We cannot afford to wreck our economy, it is what sustains the NHS in the first place.

19/08/2020, 13:48 - Peter Weir: Is there any way that there can be more targeted punitive interventions on those flouting restrictions. It seems a small reckless minority are creating major problems for the rest of responsible society

19/08/2020, 13:54 - Edwin: Precisely

19/08/2020, 14:29 - **I&S** Absolutely agree.

20/08/2020, 11:56 - Peter Weir: We got through figures from CCEA indicating that 7353 students impacted at A level by the change in approach. In most cases this is an upgrade and impacts on 1 A level. It is a little unclear whether this figure represents simply those with some level of upgrade or all those whose CCEA proposed grade differs from their CAG grade. If the latter then you could take about 10% off that figure. We

have gone back for clarification on that detail. You can also add to that figure perhaps 1500 additional others net who will have got an upgrade from an English board, but the figure will be a bit of guesswork as many pupils will do a mix of CCEA and other board A levels and could therefore be impacted twice. UCAS estimate in England about 9-10% who got uplifts would now have the grades to match their first choice but were rejected on Thursday. About 90% of these are effectively high tariff courses eg medicine. If NI follows that pattern, including English board candidates we would have about 800 impacted. However there is no modelling so far for the smaller number at the other side of uni admissions who are seeking places on low tariff, high demand subjects eg sports science where students will now seek to upgrade from an FE course for foundation year to first year uni.

20/08/2020, 17:28 - Peter Weir: On a positive note I have solved educational underachievement in Northern Ireland as the official number of A levels failed here this year is 8

20/08/2020, 17:28 - **I&S** Congratulations Minister

20/08/2020, 17:29 - **I&S** Weâ€™ll use that in our next manifesto

20/08/2020, 18:01 - Peter Weir: Factually more people have walked on the moon than failed their A levels in NI this year

25/08/2020, 14:35 - Peter Weir: Conference call being set up with CMO/CSA about 3ish at their request. Understand there will be some movement by UK Gov either tonight or tomorrow. Although not explicit most likely this will be around coverings and circumstances where they are worn. Our current position is somewhere between England and Scotland. Will find out situation but if we know what is coming think we are better taking action first off back of advice

25/08/2020, 15:10 - Peter Martin: Looks likely Scotland and England will change position on face masks in school at 4 today. Scotland bounced all other regions this morning.

25/08/2020, 15:11 - **I&S** I presume this is for secondary only

25/08/2020, 15:12 - Peter Martin: Yip talking about adolescents, just getting details on Tele/C with Michael and Ian.

25/08/2020, 15:16 - Edwin: In truth young people have suffered exponentially as a result of Covid19 given from a health side it doesn't affect them much.

Asking young people to wear masks from home to home.is 8-9 hours and is disproportionate.

25/08/2020, 15:17 - Edwin: What is the evidential base for such a move?

25/08/2020, 15:18 - Peter Martin: Probably just to annoy Boris and prove how separate they are.

25/08/2020, 15:18 - Peter Martin: We havenâ€™t seen anything in writing yet. Literally we learned about this 30 minutes ago.

25/08/2020, 15:18 - Edwin: Encouraging is one thing mandatory is another issue entirely.

25/08/2020, 15:30 - Peter Weir: I think the Scottish wording is around advice

25/08/2020, 15:30 - **NR** Scottish secondary school pupils will have to wear face coverings in corridors, communal areas and school buses from next Monday.

25/08/2020, 15:31 - **NR** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-53900825>

25/08/2020, 15:31 - Peter Weir: PTT-20200825-WA0006.opus (file attached) **INQ000356167**

25/08/2020, 15:39 - Edwin: Can live with that

Classrooms is where it is a really big issue

25/08/2020, 18:21 - Peter Weir: Statement likely to go out later tonight extending advice/recommendation on face coverings to include corridors / movements in post primaries. School transport and communal areas already covered in existing advice. Scottish advice talks about should rather than must. England likely to go tomorrow but



they are in a trickier position as they hadn't until now given permissibility for anyone

25/08/2020, 23:49 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20200825-WA0014.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

**I&S** saw a few signs for the Ulster Way. This may be a nice idea to relaunch for the centenary. Does anyone know who now has responsibility for the policy?

25/08/2020, 23:51 - Emma Little Pengelly: We could link it up with green ways, blue ways, centenary parks, Woodlands and forests and use it as a legacy project for the centenary. After discussions today, I am hopeful we could secure HMG funding. Walking and nature tourism is huge and growing too.

03/09/2020, 10:53 - Phil Weir: Zoom now if available **I&S**

03/09/2020, 11:24 - **I&S** I not seeing this now. Says number is invalid

03/09/2020, 12:29 - Peter Weir: Nobody mention about needing a face mask to go into the Northern Bank

07/09/2020, 14:52 - Phil Weir: Can we aim to do a ministers and spads meeting at 1pm tomw for those available

07/09/2020, 14:53 - Peter Weir: At Parl Buildings?

07/09/2020, 15:39 - Phil Weir: Fm office or zoom

07/09/2020, 16:39 - Peter Weir: Will come to FM office, but will need to be away at 2 for pre-arranged zoom meeting

07/09/2020, 16:59 - Peter Martin: That's fine.

08/09/2020, 13:53 - Emma Little Pengelly: Rishi Sunak (@RishiSunak) Tweeted:

This isn't just about kickstarting our country's economy " it is an opportunity to kickstart the careers of thousands of young people who could otherwise be left behind as a result of the pandemic.

The Kickstart Scheme launches today: <https://t.co/jzbGovqyF1> <https://t.co/g5B5H2HxWW> <https://twitter.com/RishiSunak/status/1301059328846311424?s=20>

10/09/2020, 10:52 - Peter Weir: Are we pre meeting ahead of the eu exit committee meeting as presumably there won't be time between it concluding and the exec

10/09/2020, 10:56 - Phil Weir: Fm and dfm joining emergency joint committee at 1 so looking now like executive starting at 2 taking covid first and doing EU exit as the second meeting. Will break at 3.30 and return about 4.45 for any remaining business

10/09/2020, 10:58 - Peter Weir: Ok. Are we looking at zoom pre meet just before 1 or not doing one

10/09/2020, 12:25 - Phil Weir: I ll give u a call

10/09/2020, 15:29 - Peter Weir: The prospect of Naomi keeping to two minutes was just pie in the sky

10/09/2020, 15:31 - Peter Weir: Can we push Robin to use slightly different language around shielding. I think it will end up being quite confusing as it is.

10/09/2020, 15:32 - **I&S** I absolutely agree. And the visiting in care homes

10/09/2020, 15:44 - Peter Weir: It's interesting that la Mallon and presumably Naomi are effectively saying do we not need to take a bit of time to get the language right here. Is there not already advise for vulnerable people in terms of taking care

10/09/2020, 15:51 **I&S** Zoom call if everyone is free

10/09/2020, 15:51 **I&S** What code

10/09/2020, 15:55 - Phil Weir: **I&S**

10/09/2020, 15:56 - **I&S** An unfortunate code

10/09/2020, 15:56 - [I&S] PTT-20200910-WA0007.opus (file attach [Irrelevant image])

10/09/2020, 17:10 - Peter Weir: Is the tweak on shielding sorted or do I need to suggest by circulating?

10/09/2020, 17:15 - Phil Weir: Circulate

10/09/2020, 17:17 - [I&S] I am going to respond re travel guidance

10/09/2020, 17:17 - Peter Weir: Just done so

10/09/2020, 17:17 - [I&S] Now she wants even more people restricted!!!!

10/09/2020, 17:18 - [I&S] I am inwardly counting to ten

10/09/2020, 17:18 - Emma Little Pengelly: δΨᾱδΨᾱδΨᾱ

10/09/2020, 17:20 - [I&S] I think you didnâ€™t get to ten!

10/09/2020, 17:20 - [I&S] 3

10/09/2020, 17:21 - [I&S] Surprise surprise!!!!

10/09/2020, 17:25 - Edwin: All I can hear is blah blah blah

10/09/2020, 17:26 - [I&S] Arlene you need to start counting again

10/09/2020, 17:27 - Edwin: 10,000,000 For Naomi monologues

10/09/2020, 19:03 - Phil Weir: Aiming to restart at 7.15pm

10/09/2020, 19:52 - [I&S] Flip me. She is something else

10/09/2020, 19:52 - Emma Little Pengelly: She could have responded in that way to the FIR?

10/09/2020, 20:05 - Emma Little Pengelly: Edwin's work was to progress it in line with exec agreed priorities to minimise and to seek max clarity!

10/09/2020, 20:09 - Emma Little Pengelly: There is a difference here- the Protocol was clear that the joint committee was to agree how this aspect was to be implemented, the Committee has failed to agree that direction and therefore it is speculative at this point

10/09/2020, 20:09 - Emma Little Pengelly: Hard infrastructure is hugely sensitive issue, and being asked to do so in speculation is unfair and inappropriate

10/09/2020, 20:12 - [I&S] â€œWhat Iâ€™m hearing from London.... â€œ

10/09/2020, 20:13 - [I&S] We have an official challenging a minister

10/09/2020, 20:13 - [I&S] Yep!!

10/09/2020, 20:15 - Emma Little Pengelly: Would anyone else around the table contemplating putting in hard infrastructure on the Irish border on basis if we negotiate not needed then great!????

10/09/2020, 20:15 - Emma Little Pengelly: Dso advice had just come in

10/09/2020, 20:17 - Emma Little Pengelly: Would Nicola put in hard infrastructure on the Irish border in the same circumstances?

10/09/2020, 20:19 - Emma Little Pengelly: This cannot be true - if this is drawn up to deal with 40,000 a year, the mitigations will undoubtedly bring that down

10/09/2020, 20:19 - Emma Little Pengelly: Supermarket concession alone would take huge swathes of that out

10/09/2020, 20:20 - [I&S] Has Edwin given a direction

10/09/2020, 20:20 - Emma Little Pengelly: Live animals are most intense, if agreed to do at abattoirs then that reduces the need significantly also. All of this must be relevant to what infrastructure needed

10/09/2020, 20:23 - [I&S] Need a cross community vote

10/09/2020, 20:23 - Edwin: The pause runs out tomorrow in any event

10/09/2020, 20:24 - **I&S** Who is calling for it

10/09/2020, 20:24 - Emma Little Pengelly: This is different - how sps commitment is to be implemented is currently under negotiation.

10/09/2020, 20:24 - **I&S** Edwin can you call for it

10/09/2020, 20:25 - Emma Little Pengelly: The Protocol is clear that the implementation was to be set out by Joint Committee. That has not happened. We being asked to implement something that has not yet been agreed by the mechanism or in the way set out by the Protocol

10/09/2020, 20:32 - Emma Little Pengelly: Officials in Whitehall and here have a speculative proposal of what they feel is needed in accordance with how these requirements are implemented elsewhere. The protocol is clear that the ni ports is not in this category. There is an international agreement to avoid such checks at NI ports. There needs to be clear political direction on this by HMG too. This can't happen in basis of reasonable worse case by officials

10/09/2020, 20:32 - Emma Little Pengelly: This is a live negotiation. The buck does not stop with NI. Section 26 HMG can direct on what is required. We have not has that thus far

10/09/2020, 20:33 - Phil Weir: How quickly could Edwin have a paper?

10/09/2020, 20:35 - Emma Little Pengelly: It is best endeavours in so far of what "is possible" - it is possible to do these checks off site and away from NI ports. It is possible to give risk assessed exemptions for supermarkets etc

10/09/2020, 20:36 - Emma Little Pengelly: Nevertheless, the due diligence by officials has been done in the absence of direction on the negotiations and what mitigations

10/09/2020, 20:40 - Emma Little Pengelly: The legal advice will have to be circulated and discussed. That must happen before denis does anything tomorrow

10/09/2020, 20:41 - Emma Little Pengelly: Exec can't discuss the legal advice that has not come up in time for Ministers

10/09/2020, 20:42 - Emma Little Pengelly: We will need to speak with AG and dso and this will have to be brought back next week

10/09/2020, 20:43 - Emma Little Pengelly: The decision is to not make a decision to proceed to procurement at this point, a decision would be taken once the paper comes back to the Executive.

10/09/2020, 21:32 - **I&S** Has he circulated legal advice

10/09/2020, 21:36 - Emma Little Pengelly: He is to circulate it on the basis that it was requested by officials with no Ministerial input into what is being asked and they may be additional issues.

11/09/2020, 17:49 - Emma Little Pengelly: Let's be clear - this is about not imposing exit summary declarations which are widely agreed not to be needed but EU has not yet confirmed it. The pressure should be put on EU.

11/09/2020, 17:50 - Emma Little Pengelly: Plus, international law and UKG is not a devolved matter

15/09/2020, 12:38 - Phil Weir: Arlene at home today **I&S** so we ll leave lunchtime meeting to next week

17/09/2020, 11:06 - Phil Weir: Zoom at 1230, will send details shortly before

17/09/2020, 12:28 - Phil Weir: **I&S**

17/09/2020, 14:06 - Emma Little Pengelly: Is anyone raising the dundonald issue?

17/09/2020, 14:07 - Emma Little Pengelly: Or is everyone content enough?

17/09/2020, 14:07 - **I&S** I thought we had agreed that it was in a high cat anyway

17/09/2020, 14:11 - **I&S** I wish she would breathe

17/09/2020, 14:12 - Edwin: Don't think the music would out do her no matter how loud it was

17/09/2020, 14:18 - Peter Weir: Genuinely the loudest noise ever recorded was by a teacher in Belfast

17/09/2020, 14:27 - Emma Little Pengelly: Was it in 1984 in a primary school in East Belfast, a teacher screaming at a young naomi long to shut up???

17/09/2020, 14:28 - Peter Weir: No, the teacher was not loud enough on that occasion

17/09/2020, 14:31 - Phil Weir: Apart from first dance at wedding, is there anyone pushing for any other dancing

17/09/2020, 14:33 - **I&S** Think dancing as exercise is ok para 5.8

17/09/2020, 14:33 - **I&S** Yep

17/09/2020, 14:33 - Phil Weir: Yes

17/09/2020, 14:34 - Peter Weir: Rev Ivan Foster?

17/09/2020, 14:45 - Phil Weir: Is no dancing and live music but with no amplification not a reasonable minimum to start

17/09/2020, 15:25 - **I&S** : Not really a hunger strike if taking tea and coffee.....

17/09/2020, 15:31 - Peter Weir: In breaking news Naomi has died on the 114th day of hunger strike

17/09/2020, 15:44 - **I&S** IMG-20200917-WA0002.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

Some one needs to speak to this

17/09/2020, 15:45 - **I&S** IMG-20200917-WA0002.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

Response from Nicola Mallon. Someone needs to speak to this one

17/09/2020, 15:45 - **I&S** Just let Edwin go back if she doesnâ€™t raise it

17/09/2020, 15:47 - Edwin: Treat it with the contempt it deserves

17/09/2020, 15:48 - Emma Little Pengelly: The principles were agreed, why would we move from that

17/09/2020, 16:04 - **I&S** Well done, made a wee girl out of her!

21/09/2020, 16:35 - Phil Weir: Regular ministers, spads meeting tomw at 1pm

21/09/2020, 18:29 - Peter Weir: Daniel McCrossan has asked a question asking to detail the work that we are undertaking in providing a covid 19 vaccination programme in schools.Does he know something the rest of us including the worldâ€™s virologists donâ€™t know?

24/09/2020, 08:49 - Edwin: My view on closing pubs at 10 is that it would be counterproductive.

There will be many who go back to a house and open cans in a small room with no controls

A later time will make big more likely that they go home

24/09/2020, 09:56 - **I&S** Yes I agree I think 11 much more manageable

24/09/2020, 09:56 - **I&S** ðŸ’

24/09/2020, 09:57 - Edwin: It is also defensible

24/09/2020, 11:53 - Peter Weir: Been in meetings but would concur

24/09/2020, 12:00 - **I&S** We must not allow 11.30 (SF want to sell an all island approach) in fact we should say happier with 10 but prepared to compromise at 11, if we start at 11 we will end at 11.30. #negotiations!

24/09/2020, 12:11 - Edwin: Agreed

24/09/2020, 12:12 - [I&S] Apparently CMO is going to say he prefers 10 but understands diffs

24/09/2020, 12:42 - [I&S] Edwin could you ask Mallon about taxi scheme today and when it will be ready to launch (itâ€™s referenced in the action log)

24/09/2020, 13:10 - Phil Weir: Zoom at 1.45, details to follow

24/09/2020, 13:40 - Phil Weir: Meeting back to 230, zoom at 2.10

24/09/2020, 14:11 - Phil Weir: [I&S]

24/09/2020, 14:32 - Phil Weir: 2.45pm start now

28/09/2020, 16:56 - Phil Weir: No lunchtime ministers' meeting tomorrow

01/10/2020, 08:19 - Edwin: I have has 3 young ladies contact me about there rearranged weddings pleading for us to not to impose further restrictions on weddings

01/10/2020, 12:04 - Phil Weir: Zoom in couple mins if available, [I&S] and [I&S]

01/10/2020, 12:23 - Phil Weir: Pushed back to 12.45

01/10/2020, 14:02 - Peter Weir: Unless enforcement is explicitly put into any final decision I think we lack all credibility

01/10/2020, 14:04 - Peter Weir: We must be cognisant of long term community relationships but not to worry about long term unemployment

01/10/2020, 14:06 - [I&S] Grand

01/10/2020, 14:38 - [I&S] Can we formally request that we have a paper from Finance on how we would fund ongoing interventions.

01/10/2020, 14:58 - Phil Weir: 7b re advisory recommendations could be amended to should work from home where possible

01/10/2020, 15:09 - Emma Little Pengelly: Audio is not great so may have missed it, but weather outside will be a major problem for hotels and others hospitality under this so consequences are high and will need support package as many may feel no viable to remain open.

01/10/2020, 15:09 - Emma Little Pengelly: \*not

01/10/2020, 15:09 - Edwin: Entirely counterintuitive that it is the DUP are championing pubs now.

01/10/2020, 19:14 - Phil Weir: Exec resumption postponed until Monday, time tbc

01/10/2020, 19:57 - [I&S] <https://youtu.be/oYOZ3IzRaf4>

01/10/2020, 19:59 - Peter Weir: ðŸ™ˆ'

04/10/2020, 18:20 - Peter Weir: Concerning that there is clearly a concerted attempt to build momentum to seek circuit breakers as the panacea to stem the flow without any real thinking on what it involves, how it could be paid for without further wrecking the economy, and little or no evidence that it would be effective. Even on health grounds we may be pushing people from a controlled work environment to an uncontrolled home one which may give more opportunities in practise for unregulated mixing

04/10/2020, 18:49 - [I&S] Agreed - I have asked who apotheosised the briefing on circuit breakers as that is an executive decision

04/10/2020, 18:49 - [I&S]: Authorised \*

04/10/2020, 18:52 - [NR] Meanwhile in the Derry senior football championship final ðŸ™ˆ^

<https://twitter.com/bbcspornit/status/1312800394750373888>

04/10/2020, 18:52 - [NR] IMG-20201004-WA0003.jpg (file attached) [Irrelevant image]

04/10/2020, 18:52 - **Name Redacted** IMG-20201004-WA0004.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356125**

04/10/2020, 18:53 - Gordon Lyons: IMG-20201004-WA0005.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356126**

04/10/2020, 18:54 - **I&S** Bellaghy is not in Londonderry and Strabane council area but regardless this is not on

04/10/2020, 18:58 - Peter Weir: Itâ€™s clearly some pushing an agenda. A friend of mine made a very good point to me on Saturday- for some it will be a green light for house parties for two weeks with no great pressure to be up in time for work in the morning. The evidence during lockdown was that people were staying up later and getting up later, and the advantage of reduced mixing for those who are sensible may be counterweighted by others taking advantage of increased opportunities, and the fear of the unknown of the threat of virtual personal apocalypse for some of these people that was there in the spring simply isnâ€™t there anymore

04/10/2020, 19:08 - Peter Weir: Itâ€™s noticeable that in the first school to close fully- St Comgallâ€™s in Bangor, albeit it was reversed after three days, even though it is quite mixed as a school, the 5 staff members impacted, are all actively involved in the GAA, although obviously nothing could be proved

04/10/2020, 19:09 - **NR** IMG-20201004-WA0006.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356127**

04/10/2020, 19:09 - **I&S** â€™m going to have to call out the Gaa tomorrow.

04/10/2020, 19:14 - Peter Weir: ðŸ'

04/10/2020, 20:23 - **I&S** I think we should decide on a course of question at Ex tomorrow. I am going to call out CSO. We have no sooner decided something and then he has goes back on Nolan and announced not one but two circuit breaker scenarios. This is not Ex policy and we are allowing it to be made on Nolan for us to rubber stamp. Londonderry business bewildered by what is happening

04/10/2020, 20:24 - **I&S** This will shortly be followed by the same request for restrictions in Belfast South Down and mid Ulster

04/10/2020, 20:33 - **I&S** We will meet in my room before the executive.

04/10/2020, 21:13 - Peter Weir: CSO/CMO are far too media available and more importantly far too keen to speculate or even dictate future public policy. Allied to that there is too much feeding of media behind the scenes with â€understood in Stormont circles0 etc

04/10/2020, 21:19 - **I&S** Thatâ€™s why Iâ€™ve asked who authorised briefing of Marie Louise

04/10/2020, 21:29 - Edwin: At this minute they are manipulating the executive decision making process by briefing the media.

McBride couldn't tell us what role the hospitality sector had in the rapid spread in Londonderry, but when pressed claimed it would add 0.3 to R but no evidence for anything.

If we are going to make critical decisions we should have the evidence presented to us first.

04/10/2020, 21:48 - Peter Weir: Totally agree. There is too much guess work and supposition without causal links of evidence, dressed up as scientific or mathematical certainty. I appreciate itâ€™s likely that there simply isnâ€™t clear evidential information available, but if thatâ€™s the case there needs to be more honesty around the value of advice

05/10/2020, 09:01 - **I&S** : IMG-20201005-WA0000.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356128**


CSA retro fitting evidence re hospitality sector in BT

05/10/2020, 09:19 - Peter Weir: What time is the Executive today? Is it 1130?

05/10/2020, 09:19 - **I&S** Yes

05/10/2020, 10:21 - Phil Weir: 11.15 premeet in FM office

05/10/2020, 12:22 - Peter Weir: Toys out of the pram from Robin

05/10/2020, 12:24 - Emma Little Pengelly: VID-20201005-WA0001.mp4 (file attached) 

05/10/2020, 12:24 - Peter Weir: ðŸ˜€

05/10/2020, 13:15 - Peter Weir: Presumably the experts donâ€™t include Nicola

05/10/2020, 13:15 - Peter Weir: If the discussions are moving to the tunnel does that mean they are taking place in Portadown

05/10/2020, 13:15 - Peter Weir: Pass the âœœduchyâœ from the left hand side

06/10/2020, 12:10 - Phil Weir: Unfortunately won't be able to do lunchtime catch up today, teo statement in chamber

08/10/2020, 11:45 - Phil Weir: Premeet 12.10

08/10/2020, 15:12 - Phil Weir: Is it worth saying church proposal has landed in at last moment, and rather than decide now in a rush should take little more time to engage and discuss this particular element

08/10/2020, 16:04 - Peter Weir: Inflatable parks? SF donâ€™t know what an escape room?

13/10/2020, 17:36 - Edwin: Any word on when meeting will happen

13/10/2020, 17:37 - Phil Weir: Still trying to get paper finalised and will need while after circulate so at least hour+ I guess


13/10/2020, 18:38 - Edwin: It will be impossible to enforce funerals after the Storey funeral


When they bring charges against SF leadership enforcement is possible otherwise it is do as I say not as I do.


Reducing funerals to 25 has no credibility and we will be ridiculed because of SFs bad behaviour

13/10/2020, 21:25 - Edwin: Are we doing pre meeting


13/10/2020, 21:25 -  Iâ€™m available


13/10/2020, 21:26 - Gordon Lyons: 

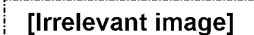
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13/10/2020, 21:27 - Gordon Lyons: 

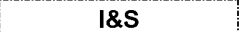
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13/10/2020, 21:28 - Gordon Lyons: Or try 

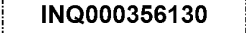
13/10/2020, 21:28 - Gordon Lyons: And 

13/10/2020, 22:04 - Gordon Lyons: IMG-20201013-WA0012.jpg (file attached) 

13/10/2020, 22:04 - Gordon Lyons: Meeting again now

13/10/2020, 22:31 -  Sorry health really wants this tonight - heâ€™s afraid of Sdlp and alliance briefing on papers overnight and trying to pick apart. So see you at 11.

13/10/2020, 23:44 - Peter Weir: Think Naomi is speaking from personal experience

14/10/2020, 22:58 - Gordon Lyons: IMG-20201014-WA0011.jpg (file attached) 

14/10/2020, 23:08 - Emma Little Pengelly: ðŸ™„ðŸ™„ðŸ™„

15/10/2020, 14:21 - Peter Weir: We need to keep Robinâ€™s feet to the fire on ratcheting up capacity. I think he is keen to brush over things where he can

15/10/2020, 15:03 - Peter Weir: Looking a yarn? send for Naomi

15/10/2020, 16:53 - Edwin: Mad Mallon has a massive backlog and wants to make things worse

20/10/2020, 11:16 - Phil Weir: Zoom call at 1pm today

20/10/2020, 12:58 - Phil Weir: IMG-20201020-WA0015.jpg (file attached) [Irrelevant image]

20/10/2020, 13:41 - Phil Weir: IMG-20201020-WA0018.jpg (file attached) [Irrelevant image]

20/10/2020, 13:44 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20201020-WA0019.jpg (file attached) INQ000356133

20/10/2020, 13:44 - Emma Little Pengelly: South's covid outbreaks per setting

21/10/2020, 13:31 - [I&S] Today I have developed a new grant scheme to assist those businesses who will be impacted by the Executive restrictions but who are not covered by the DoF scheme. I have also asked for agreement to introduce further financial support schemes for tourism and hospitality businesses and for those recently self employed. I hope for urgent agreement from my Ministerial colleagues.

21/10/2020, 13:31 - [I&S] I am going to tweet shortly. Scheme is away seeking urgent procedure approval

22/10/2020, 11:32 - Phil Weir: Zoom for 11.45

22/10/2020, 11:33 - Phil Weir: IMG-20201022-WA0001.jpg (file attached) [Irrelevant image]

22/10/2020, 12:03 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20201022-WA0002.jpg (file attached) INQ000356135

22/10/2020, 12:51 - Peter Weir: Think Declan would rather use the words Northern Ireland and United Kingdom than enforcement

22/10/2020, 13:05 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20201022-WA0004.jpg (file attached) INQ000356136

22/10/2020, 13:06 - Emma Little Pengelly: Diane - to be aware, Chancellor "not closed" but impacted businesses at 70% of other grants, I think your paper was at 50%

22/10/2020, 13:11 - Emma Little Pengelly: Also seems to be that there is an additional £3000 closed or open if their area goes up to a higher alert level

22/10/2020, 13:14 - [I&S] If you look at chancellor levels ours are pitched much higher

1600/934

2400/1400

2100/3200

From my initial reading of it. I have asked them to take a look

22/10/2020, 13:15 - [I&S] Sorry last figure should read 3200/2100

22/10/2020, 13:17 - Emma Little Pengelly: Yes, as their fully closed is lower?

22/10/2020, 13:18 - Emma Little Pengelly: So 70% is still lower than 50% of our full closure levels? Just thought worth being aware of in case a Ministerial colleague makes reference to it

22/10/2020, 13:21 - Emma Little Pengelly: Edwin - you have just circulated an update to the Deara parts of the Operational Readiness paper. There isn't sufficient time to update and recirculate the original paper. Could you raise it verbally to tell colleagues you have an update that has been circulated and you understand this will be integrated within the OR paper and that will be circulated in advance of next weeks paper and you understand the Operational Readiness paper will be updated on a regular basis as things develop?

22/10/2020, 13:28 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20201022-WA0005.jpg (file a [I&S] INQ000356137

22/10/2020, 13:29 - Emma Little Pengelly: Presumably there will be a consequential?

22/10/2020, 13:30 - [I&S] Would this be the same as Finance rates based scheme or additional

22/10/2020, 13:33 - Peter Weir: Talking of Halloween does Nichola not look particularly ghoulish today

22/10/2020, 13:45 - Peter Martin: On holiday hunger extension how is that going to be announced? Clearly it would be positive for us (party) to lead on it.



22/10/2020, 13:47 - Phil Weir: Presumably de will have release worked up on 1 wk, can add in a line or two to that, and af can also aim to mention at press conf

22/10/2020, 13:48 - Emma Little Pengelly: Could Peter Martin get something pulled together on that now to try and get it out asap before someone else does?

22/10/2020, 13:49 - Phil Weir: No harm in letting it go as soon as

22/10/2020, 13:49 - Edwin: Yes

22/10/2020, 13:50 - Peter Weir: We need to be careful, but Arlene leading press conference today, so that would be the best vehicle

22/10/2020, 14:04 - Peter Martin: We can double tap it. Iâ€™ve spoken to our press officer to get something ready to go. Arlene can lead at PC. Iâ€™ll let JR know from a party perspective.

22/10/2020, 14:15 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20201022-WA0006.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356138**

22/10/2020, 14:15 - Emma Little Pengelly: From Gordon's folks. Thoughts?

22/10/2020, 14:16 - **I&S** Iâ€™m good with that

22/10/2020, 14:34 - Edwin: Excellent

22/10/2020, 14:54 - Peter Weir: Looks good. Assume Arlene announcing at the Exec Press Conference. Need to make sure Kearney doesnâ€™t jump in

22/10/2020, 14:58 - Peter Weir: Maybe just thinking out loud. Do we say maybe funding or funding provision. Conscious that families will get the equivalent financial support rather than giving the impression that actual meals will be provided

22/10/2020, 14:58 - **I&S**: I agree we need to say FSM funding

22/10/2020, 15:05 - Gordon Lyons: IMG-20201022-WA0008.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356139**

22/10/2020, 15:07 - Peter Martin: Peters right â€œfunding provisionâ€ is better

22/10/2020, 15:09 - Peter Weir: I know out in the highways and byways of Ulster that there is talk of little else than EU Exit SIs

22/10/2020, 15:10 - Emma Little Pengelly: This message was deleted

22/10/2020, 15:12 - Gordon Lyons: What do others think? Does â€œprovisionâ€ need to be put in?

22/10/2020, 15:13 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20201022-WA0010.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356140**

22/10/2020, 15:13 - Emma Little Pengelly: Sorry, I had sent then seemingly deleted that one with provision in

22/10/2020, 15:14 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20201022-WA0011.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356141**

22/10/2020, 15:16 - Peter Weir: As Declan is Mary-Louâ€™s poodle/attack dog, would he be subject to a pet passport?

22/10/2020, 17:01 - Peter Weir: See Rosemary Barton has dropped the ball and asked Diane how many sat and how many didnâ€™t sit the transfer test in each of the last 3 years

27/10/2020, 07:59 - Phil Weir: Only one paper on agenda so going to add onto Thursday's agenda and not meet this morning

27/10/2020, 08:01 - Peter Weir: Can we push for that school exam funding paper for Thursday. Been kicking around for a while and need to know one way or an other

27/10/2020, 12:07 - Phil Weir: Zoom with fm at 1.30 if available

27/10/2020, 12:14 - Peter Weir: ðŸ'

27/10/2020, 13:30 - Phil Weir: IMG-20201027-WA0006.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

27/10/2020, 14:14 - Phil Weir: Let's aim to do an in person meeting with a focus on brexit 10am Thurs at PB

27/10/2020, 14:15 - Peter Weir: ðŸ'

28/10/2020, 15:52 - Phil Weir: Reminder we ll aim to do a meeting tomw at 10am with a brexit focus. We ll use rm 210 which can permit better distancing for those who will be in PB

28/10/2020, 15:52 - Peter Weir: C u there

28/10/2020, 18:55 - Peter Weir: Maoliosa McHugh to star in title role of remake of Father â€œThat money was just resting in my accountâ€ Ted

28/10/2020, 19:07 - **I&S** Down with this sort of thing....

28/10/2020, 19:09 - Peter Weir: Careful now! (Conor, or you may yourself in a judicial review or industrial tribunal)

28/10/2020, 19:18 - **I&S** You two should put on a sketch!!

28/10/2020, 19:29 - **I&S** It will be entitled â€œThose Protestants - up to no good againâ€ !

28/10/2020, 19:32 - Peter Weir: Mcelduff to play the idiot sidekick, Martina Anderson as Mrs Doyle and Ken Maginnis as Father Jack

28/10/2020, 20:00 - Peter Weir: Just thinking there could be a great sitcom with Ken Maginnis, John Taylor and Willie Ross all trapped together in retirement in the same house

28/10/2020, 20:10 - **I&S** Sounds like torture Peter

28/10/2020, 20:11 - Peter Weir: Basis of all the best sitcom- think basil in fawlt towers

29/10/2020, 09:22 - Phil Weir: Reverting to zoom at 10am so don't need to go pb

29/10/2020, 09:38 - Emma Little Pengelly: I'm at pb ðŸ~,

29/10/2020, 09:59 - Gordon Lyons: IMG-20201029-WA0002.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

29/10/2020, 10:43 - Gordon Lyons: IMG-20201029-WA0003.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

29/10/2020, 12:48 - Edwin: Think we pretty much demolished Kearney notion of looking at schools again

29/10/2020, 13:10 - Peter Weir: I can always spend Â£100 million at the drop of a hat, so no need to worryðŸ~€

29/10/2020, 13:11 - Peter Weir: Yes Kearney didnâ€™t get any real traction

29/10/2020, 13:20 - Emma Little Pengelly: Limited evidence that there is any significant difference between taxi operators and bus operators, yet a scheme for one and not other. She claims many coach do not have premises, but no evidence

29/10/2020, 13:21 - Emma Little Pengelly: In addition, are those bus operators who got the Â£10k or Â£25k excluded from this new scheme? It seems not, yet taxi operators are completely knocked out due to the Â£10k or Â£25k grant??

29/10/2020, 14:45 - Peter Weir: Great cogniscence of the Economy from Ian Young there essentially isnâ€™t it great a lot of people arenâ€™t leaving their home, and even better if we could trap parents and prevent them from working as well

31/10/2020, 18:31 - Peter Weir: Ironic that PMâ€™s announcement on English lockdown arrangements replaces a programme entitled Little Mix the search

02/11/2020, 21:29 - Phil Weir: No executive in morning, we ll do a catch up at 1

02/11/2020, 21:30 - Edwin: Okay

02/11/2020, 21:59 - **I&S** ðŸ'

02/11/2020, 22:11 - Peter Weir: No problem. Can we get the PE exemption issue resolved tomorrow. Can e mail you first thing in the morning

03/11/2020, 12:56 - Phil Weir: IMG-20201103-WA0001.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

03/11/2020, 13:29 - Peter Weir: Ironically Diane it keeps saying that your network bandwidth is low

03/11/2020, 14:47 - **I&S** Best ministerial gift ever

03/11/2020, 14:48 - **I&S** <Media omitted> **[Irrelevant image]**

Best ministerial gift ever

03/11/2020, 14:49 - Peter Martin: I love itðŸ~Š

04/11/2020, 16:36 - Peter Weir: Assume no further progress with Murphy on Perm Secs appointments

04/11/2020, 16:44 - **I&S** Waiting to hear back from Jill Milne in HR

05/11/2020, 07:37 - Edwin: You deleted this message

05/11/2020, 07:47 - Edwin: If there is a big press to close hospitality for a further 2 weeks that we will lose, is it worthwhile separating alcohol and non alcohol based

It would really help towns and villages

05/11/2020, 07:48 - **I&S** Iâ€™ve been pushing that Edwin and I think we might get them to that place. Iâ€™ve had a tough few days ... Iâ€™ll chat you all later

05/11/2020, 07:57 - Edwin: Thank you

Better to get something than be overwhelmed

05/11/2020, 09:13 - **I&S** I have now asked for more legal advice following Murphy letter this morning

05/11/2020, 09:56 - **I&S** : ðŸ'

05/11/2020, 10:21 - Phil Weir: Zoom at 11

05/11/2020, 11:01 - Peter Weir: Details for zoom?

05/11/2020, 11:03 - Phil Weir: IMG-20201105-WA0001.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

05/11/2020, 14:04 - Peter Weir: Wouldnâ€™t be like Declan to be too optimistic

05/11/2020, 14:06 - **I&S** Don't think ian would claim his paper is empirical

05/11/2020, 14:07 - **I&S** Does Declan knows what that means

05/11/2020, 14:08 - Peter Weir: Empirical - something about Empires? Evil Brits

05/11/2020, 14:11 **I&S** Last 3 points ....

05/11/2020, 14:29 - Emma Little Pengelly: Naomi's problem is that she is pursuing exec agreement to committee amends (cross party) without bringing back the response of the committee to her proposals. This could end up with DUP amends (or joint dup amends) being tabled as committee amends and our Ministers being tied to what she is proposing (rejection or variation). The committee MAY agree some of hers (such as this one on training) and if they do (committee meeting today) then she can inform the Exec of that

05/11/2020, 14:30 - Emma Little Pengelly: The issue here is that she is asking the Exec to agree her approach to committee amends before they have considered and decided to accept her approach or a different approach?

05/11/2020, 14:35 - Edwin: This is highly unusual

The Executive have never taken a position previously against committee amendments

05/11/2020, 14:36 - Emma Little Pengelly: They have sometimes I think

05/11/2020, 14:37 - Emma Little Pengelly: I can't recall where the committee has moved amends on floor of house unanimously and Minister continues to resist??

05/11/2020, 14:39 - Emma Little Pengelly: Committee proposals are supplementary to the bill, not in competition to

05/11/2020, 14:39 - Emma Little Pengelly: If the proposals are good, they should be considered by the Exec. That is rather the point

05/11/2020, 14:42 - Emma Little Pengelly: This is ridiculous - might as well do away with committees on legislation if that is the approach!!!

05/11/2020, 14:49 - Emma Little Pengelly: Of course substantive issues can be made after introduction, but yes by the agreement of the Exec. These are only complementary not in contrast with the agreed policy

05/11/2020, 14:50 - Emma Little Pengelly: She is following the guidance that she needs to get agreement of exec to accept or reject or vary committee amends.

05/11/2020, 14:50 - Emma Little Pengelly: The exec can of course agree to accept a committee amend when if she does not wish

05/11/2020, 14:52 - Emma Little Pengelly: What was discussed with paul was what was contained in her letter on what she wanted to do in relation to committee amends  
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05/11/2020, 14:53 - Edwin: It is an abuse of position, this goes way beyond policy and the amendments she objects to do no violence to the intent of the legislation agreed by executive in the first place.

05/11/2020, 14:54 - **I&S** Did she just say her husband was in the MDA

05/11/2020, 14:56 - Peter Weir: Middle class version of UDA?

05/11/2020, 14:57 - Emma Little Pengelly: We have been very supportive of that last issue at westminster and tried to get it changed

05/11/2020, 14:57 - **I&S** Was thinking that

Must be an east Belfast thing

05/11/2020, 14:58 - Emma Little Pengelly: Health pushed back a bit due to fact it will raise costs but the rate needs to be fair - no generous but not too little

05/11/2020, 14:58 - Peter Weir: They come round and unless you pay protection money they come round and put your teeth in

08/11/2020, 19:40 - Peter Weir: Any likely timings for tomorrow?

08/11/2020, 19:41 - Phil Weir: 10am potentially for executive

08/11/2020, 19:46 - Peter Weir: Ta. Once you get confirmation let us know

09/11/2020, 09:08 - Phil Weir: Zoom at 9.30

09/11/2020, 09:15 - Edwin: In a meeting

Will join you as soon as

09/11/2020, 09:29 - Phil Weir: IMG-20201109-WA0001.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

09/11/2020, 10:12 - **I&S** Weâ€™re there any conclusions to the travel agents meeting last week

09/11/2020, 10:14 - **I&S** Just that we will provide support them but need to do more work. Finance are engaging but we will have to designate a Dept to take it forward

09/11/2020, 10:17 - Peter Weir: Are we letting Naomi and Nichola rant on and then coming in?

09/11/2020, 10:21 - Peter Weir: But itâ€™s not all or nothing as we are already doing some nuances eg times for off licenses or provision of takeaways with queues etc

09/11/2020, 10:32 - **I&S** Can I ask about the new designation that Oâ€™Neil has on her zoom pic

09/11/2020, 10:32 - **I&S** Yes itâ€™s a unilateral breaking of Belfast agreement

09/11/2020, 11:09 - **I&S** Iâ€™m presuming that we are ok with a paper

09/11/2020, 11:13 - Phil Weir: Yeh need to provide words to get to move on

09/11/2020, 15:08 - Phil Weir: 4.45 now provisional start time

09/11/2020, 16:19 - Peter Weir: Provisional? Phil youâ€™re spending too much time with SF, you are even starting to use their language

09/11/2020, 16:24 - Edwin: Estimated time of commencement has a more British ring about it.

09/11/2020, 18:03 - Peter Weir: Can we get a joint proposal in writing with dfm in the next hour or so

09/11/2020, 18:06 - **I&S** Yes. I will have to leave in 15 mins to answer a debate

09/11/2020, 18:06 - Phil Weir: Yes, but dfm has been nervous about that and she's trying to create as much buy in as poss before wording goes in

09/11/2020, 18:10 - Gordon Lyons: Jim is on a rant so it could be another 30 mins Diane

09/11/2020, 18:24 - **I&S** Edwin call for a cross community vote if needed

09/11/2020, 18:26 - Edwin: Okay

Swann wanting pulled out here

09/11/2020, 18:34 - **I&S** I need to go

09/11/2020, 18:45 - Peter Weir: DFM making a pigs ear of this

09/11/2020, 18:54 - Edwin: Comes naturally

09/11/2020, 18:56 - **I&S** She doesnâ€™t want to move without Nicola. We just sit back

09/11/2020, 18:57 - Peter Weir: How could these folk organise a United Ireland when they couldnâ€™t organise a cappuccino in a non licensed cafe let alone a piss up in a brewery

09/11/2020, 19:06 - Edwin: Naomi knew the score took the blunt instrument for Nicola to catch on.

Robin pretty desperate to get agreement

09/11/2020, 19:17 - **I&S** Nicola doesnâ€™t really understand this old veto issue

09/11/2020, 19:21 - Edwin: Was it not the Sdlp that devised it

09/11/2020, 19:31 - Peter Weir: Yes to quote the spirit of Lloyd Bentsen to Dan Quayle-â€œI knew John Hume, I was a friend of John Hume, Senator Nichola Mallon you are no John Humeâ€

09/11/2020, 20:16 - Edwin: Are we resuming at 8 15 or later?

09/11/2020, 20:16 - **I&S** 9 now

09/11/2020, 20:16 - Edwin: Thanks

No surrender

09/11/2020, 20:22 - **I&S** I think I will try to get home so might be a few mins late. Still in chamber

09/11/2020, 20:51 - Edwin: We will hold the Fort

09/11/2020, 20:51 - Edwin: 0

09/11/2020, 20:52 - **I&S** Have just left stormont SF have taken coffee shops out of paper so I just said the paper is not agreed and left.

09/11/2020, 20:52 - Edwin: Quite right

09/11/2020, 20:53 - Peter Weir: ðŸ’

09/11/2020, 21:08 - Peter Weir: Assume no Executive tonight then

09/11/2020, 21:09 - Phil Weir: No, little point reconvening without a paper. Depts to be notified of a time tomw.

09/11/2020, 21:18 - Peter Weir: Ps the childrenâ€™s commissioner will call for all exams to be cancelled, as apparently being under constant assessment every single day is less stressful

09/11/2020, 21:19 - Edwin: Whatever she calls for doing the opposite would be a good rule of thumb

09/11/2020, 21:44 - Peter Weir: Indeed

10/11/2020, 11:29 - Edwin: Are we having our Tuesday meeting today

10/11/2020, 12:16 - Phil Weir: Minister/spad zoom meeting at 1pm

10/11/2020, 12:30 - Peter Weir: May still have a meeting with Communities Minister at 1 but likely to be short if going ahead

10/11/2020, 12:49 - **I&S** Will you send through z details

10/11/2020, 12:50 - Phil Weir: Details in few mins

10/11/2020, 13:01 - Phil Weir: IMG-20201110-WA0006.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

10/11/2020, 16:50 - Peter Weir: Murphyâ€™s letter not exactly helpful

10/11/2020, 17:05 - **I&S** Iâ€™m sure it not meant to be

10/11/2020, 17:51 - Peter Weir: Assume we are vetoing this

10/11/2020, 17:51 - **I&S** Yes someone will need to call it

10/11/2020, 17:57 - **I&S** Has Murphy produced anything yet on financial support

10/11/2020, 17:57 - **I&S** No

10/11/2020, 18:13 - **I&S** Should I ask to put amendments to Swann paper

10/11/2020, 18:40 - Peter Martin: Jane McCormick (BBC) is now live tweeting the results of the meeting.

10/11/2020, 19:03 - **I&S** Is hotels point not just about the issue re workers etc who are in hotels

10/11/2020, 19:03 - **I&S** No. It would be better so you can reject if you want

10/11/2020, 19:09 - Peter Weir: I could propose 8pm cut off. Would align with off sales and realistically I cant imagine non licensed cafes will want or use late night, but donâ€™t want to do anything unhelpful

10/11/2020, 19:10 - Emma Little Pengelly: I think many will as it is the only way to meet a friend or a family member

10/11/2020, 19:10 - **I&S** Yes

10/11/2020, 19:11 - Peter Weir: Bi

10/11/2020, 19:25 - Phil Weir: G re hotels needs to be withdrawn so the rest can be voted on as a package. We can't afford for this to be salami sliced

10/11/2020, 19:58 - Peter Weir: Think the vaccine could be stored with Nichola. She must be about -83 degrees

10/11/2020, 19:58 - **I&S** Unbelievable

10/11/2020, 19:59 - Edwin: Repetition repetition repetition

10/11/2020, 20:01 - Peter Weir: To be fair easier to get money out of a loan shark than some of our colleagues

10/11/2020, 20:01 - **I&S** Couldnâ€™t make a decision to save their lives. Imagine being in a war situation with these people

10/11/2020, 20:10 - Peter Weir: To couldnâ€™t organise a p\*\*\* up in a brewery, we can now add couldnâ€™t organise a printed fixed penalty notice in a print factory

10/11/2020, 22:00 - Phil Weir: dfm looking clarification re excess deaths- fm clear we maintain our position

10/11/2020, 22:26 - Edwin: I don't know how you put up with this day in day out.

Those in our own department don't know how well of we are.

10/11/2020, 22:28 - Edwin: Maybe if they hadn't predicted 15,000 deaths the additional 150 would be more believable

10/11/2020, 22:58 - Phil Weir: Is it on our interests for Diane to allow people time to reflect overnight rather than push to vote tonight?

10/11/2020, 22:59 - Phil Weir: Time is our friend

10/11/2020, 22:59 - **I&S** What do you want me to do?

10/11/2020, 23:00 - Edwin: We have 4 votes

I think Swann will abstain

10/11/2020, 23:00 - Phil Weir: Need text to vote on

10/11/2020, 23:11 - Peter Weir: Did you hear the officials on the zoom call, until they caught themselves on?

10/11/2020, 23:11 - **I&S**: What did they say?

10/11/2020, 23:11 - Edwin: Shinners want to crash Diane's proposal and tomorrow pressurise us into backing down.

Naomi doesn't expect us to crack, robin doesn't know what way to I think he will abstain.

10/11/2020, 23:12 - **I&S** We will not be backing down

10/11/2020, 23:12 - Edwin: Shouting at each other bit like a continuation of our meeting.

10/11/2020, 23:13 - Peter Weir: They were saying did so and so send you the final document. We have such and such but no thatâ€™s an earlier draft. Getting quite messy, realised some of us were on and pulled themselves off zoom

10/11/2020, 23:13 - Edwin: We can't back down, they are happy we do this they just want to damage us.

10/11/2020, 23:15 - Peter Weir: The cheek of getting lectured by someone from the republican movement about the unacceptably of excess deaths

10/11/2020, 23:19 - Peter Weir: Hold our ground and either tonight or tomorrow we ultimately have the vote. Long will curse us but if we keep the choice between this and no regs will back it, and Swann if he knows that is the choice will not want to put his hand to it but canâ€™t risk blocking either so will abstain. Only issue is will both do that tonight

10/11/2020, 23:44 - Peter Weir: At this rate we will get the final tallies from Georgia and Alaska first

11/11/2020, 00:14 - Phil Weir: In our interests to wait til tomw

11/11/2020, 00:15 - Edwin: Delay hasn't helped,

11/11/2020, 00:48 - Edwin: Comms is critical

We need our people on every programme setting the agenda

The 150 figure had no evidential base provided and the csa balked when asked for evidence CMO made no attempt to substantiate it.

WHO say lockdown doesn't work.

Lead cardiologist in the Royal and three other doctors are publicly criticising it,

saying it is causing more deaths in their field of medicine.

Mental Health issues are rocketing as is domestic violence.

Lowest paid workers are losing vital wages as we approach Christmas

Businesses are racking up debts and many will go to the wall.

There is good public support, we have good arguments, the void will be filled by other voices chosen by the liberal media.

11/11/2020, 00:52 - **NR** JR has lines ready and cleared. Do as directed by him when he asks for people to step up in the next few hours. Thanks for all the efforts everyone and stay the course. Tim.

11/11/2020, 12:32 - Phil Weir: 15 min delay

11/11/2020, 12:33 - Peter Weir: Quite handy- a few mins away from Rathgael

11/11/2020, 12:48 - Phil Weir: Another 15 min delay to read Robins paper

11/11/2020, 12:49 - **I&S** Zoom?

11/11/2020, 12:49 - Phil Weir: I'll send details

11/11/2020, 12:51 - Phil Weir: IMG-20201111-WA0005.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

11/11/2020, 12:54 - **I&S** Swann paper not helpful

11/11/2020, 12:58 - **I&S** Can't get in.

11/11/2020, 12:59 - Phil Weir: Everybody else in I'll send again

11/11/2020, 12:59 - **I&S**: Better go in to main zoom

11/11/2020, 13:00 - Phil Weir: IMG-20201111-WA0006.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356150**

11/11/2020, 13:21 - **I&S** IMG-20201111-WA0008.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356151**

11/11/2020, 13:22 - **I&S** In the interests of consensus - of course!

11/11/2020, 13:23 - **I&S**  
<https://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/politics/michelle-oneill-blames-dup-blocking-proposal-would-save-lives-3032418>

11/11/2020, 13:23 - **I&S** Further consensus building!

11/11/2020, 13:23 - Edwin: They are determined to break and humiliate us.

11/11/2020, 13:58 - Peter Weir: If they push Swann's paper to a vote we need to veto

11/11/2020, 14:04 - Edwin: Agreed

11/11/2020, 14:06 - Peter Weir: Happy to

11/11/2020, 14:08 - **NR** This message was deleted

11/11/2020, 14:23 - Peter Weir: Could we go for Monday

11/11/2020, 14:30 - Phil Weir: IMG-20201111-WA0010.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

11/11/2020, 15:36 - **I&S** Peter call cross community vote on Swann paper

11/11/2020, 15:36 - Peter Weir: Yes will do as soon as your vote finished

11/11/2020, 15:39 - Emma Little Pengelly: The cross community vote is for all key decisions

11/11/2020, 15:39 - Emma Little Pengelly: That is clear from the Belfast Agreement

11/11/2020, 15:39 - Peter Weir: Diane and EDWIN need to come in to formally second my proposal

11/11/2020, 15:40 - Emma Little Pengelly: This includes issues of PFG and budget- it is not just on constitutional issues

11/11/2020, 15:40 - Emma Little Pengelly: Therefore of course this is a key issue. It



is to protect consensus agreed in the Belfast Agreement

11/11/2020, 15:41 - **NR** IMG-20201111-WA0012.jpg (file attached) **[[Irrelevant image]]**

11/11/2020, 15:42 - Emma Little Pengelly: Pfg and budget are explicitly included in Belfast Agreement as issues requiring cross community votes - therefore it is clear this was also for key non-constitutional issues but rather ALL key issues including the bread and butter issues

11/11/2020, 15:43 - Peter Weir: This is like Trump in US . We take an early lead before being caught

11/11/2020, 16:09 - Phil Weir: IMG-20201111-WA0013.jpg (file attached) **[[Irrelevant image]]**

11/11/2020, 18:44 - Peter Weir: Any progress with Naomi?

11/11/2020, 19:48 - Emma Little Pengelly: We absolutely need Naomi's taken first

11/11/2020, 19:49 - Peter Weir: Will it not just go through ?

11/11/2020, 19:49 - **I&S** Not if we call cross community

11/11/2020, 19:50 - Phil Weir: Is Diane submits her letter now clearly not an amendment of naomi's?

11/11/2020, 19:54 - **I&S**: They still would have no certainty of reopening on 27

11/11/2020, 19:54 - Peter Weir: We need clearer and stronger wording

11/11/2020, 19:55 - **I&S** Correct. A bit more indication

11/11/2020, 19:57 - Peter Weir: The working group will take action in terms of safety measures to facilitate opening on 27th

11/11/2020, 19:57 - **I&S**: Arlene ask if we do that willl Oâ€™Neil support

11/11/2020, 19:58 - **I&S**: The wording is totally inadequate. We vote it down unless someone has another suggestion

11/11/2020, 19:59 - Emma Little Pengelly: Any way we can flip this to asking them can we start agreeing on the issues we want extended to at least give certainty to those businesses tonight;

- licenced restaurants and bars extended for 2 weeks
- regs on funerals, weddings etc extended
- restrictions on home and outside gatherings extended

And we can continue to talk and see what else can be agreed. No one disputes the extension of above??

11/11/2020, 20:03 - Emma Little Pengelly: Can we not say here, can we not at least agree the categories where we all agree restrictions should extend and give those people certainty??

11/11/2020, 20:03 - **I&S** I will say that

11/11/2020, 20:07 - Phil Weir: Package of measures from 13 october-

Maintenance of current household restrictions. This means a continuation of the restriction on meeting indoors, and a limit on the number who can meet in a garden. There are existing exemptions for child care and maintenance etc which would stay in place. However, as close contact economy is proposed below to for closure, it would be consistent with that to prohibit the provision of those services (eg hairdressing) in a domestic setting;

Bubbling to be limited to a maximum of 10 people from 2 households;

No overnight stays in a private home unless in a bubble;

Work from home unless unable to do so;

In guidance, Universities and further education to deliver distance learning to the maximum extent possible with only essential face to face learning where that is a necessary and unavoidable part of the course;

Closure of the hospitality sector apart from deliveries and take aways for food, with the existing closing time of 11pm remaining. Other take away premises will then be brought in line with hospitality with a closing time of 11pm;

Retail will stay open at this time. However, there will be urgent engagement with the sector to ensure that retail is doing everything it can to help suppress the virus;

Closure of close contact services apart from those meeting essential health needs which will be defined in the Regulations to ensure continuation of essential health interventions and therapeutics. This will not include complimentary treatments;

No indoor sport of any kind or organised contact sport involving household mixing other than at elite level;

No mass events involving more than 15 people (except for allowed outdoor sporting events where the relevant number for that will continue to apply);

Gyms may remain open but for individual training only with local enforcement in place;

Places of worship to remain open with a mandatory requirement to wear face coverings when entering and exiting. This will not apply to parties to a marriage or civil partnerships;

Wedding ceremonies and civil partnerships to be limited to 25 people with no receptions. This will be implemented on Monday 19 October. Venues providing the Marriage or partnership ceremony and celebration this weekend may remain open for these purposes but may not provide other services for people who are not part of the wedding or partnership party and this will be limited to 25;

Funerals to be limited to 25 people with no pre- or post-funeral gatherings;

In guidance, no unnecessary travel;

Off licenses and supermarkets will not be permitted to sell alcohol after 8pm;

11/11/2020, 20:11 - Edwin: That's a relief Declans not putting a gun to our head

11/11/2020, 20:22 - Peter Weir: If Long can be squared off itâ€™s clear Swann wonâ€™t be an obstacle

11/11/2020, 20:24 - Peter Weir: Ps use small words so Mallon can understand

12/11/2020, 09:00 - Edwin: Longs position on hotels is worse than Swann in that we have the whip hand with Swann on reopening.

It is not acceptable with the wooly language

12/11/2020, 09:58 - I&S 10.30 zoom with a few others I will send details

12/11/2020, 10:26 - I&S IMG-20201112-WA0002.jpg (file attached) [Irrelevant image]

12/11/2020, 10:51 - Emma Little Pengelly: My laptop did a restart.

On Peter's point, I suspect they don't know why the numbers seem to be going rapidly in the wrong direction so schools may well be just be due to it is one factor that has changed

12/11/2020, 11:02 - NR added + I&S

12/11/2020, 11:34 - Emma Little Pengelly: There is a good bit of the information that we have discussed received in various forms, however it may be quicker to ask Robin directly for an update on the issues in advance of the Exec meeting to help aid the considerations;

- Timeline for the Vaccine, how many will be available and what are the plans for the roll outs? Will this be happening at the same time as England and rest of UK

- what will be done in next 4-6 weeks to urgently enhance capacity and what has been

done so far? Where are the specific pressures and what mitigation actions are being taken?

12/11/2020, 11:35 - **I&S** Speak to Lee and get him to put it in

12/11/2020, 11:37 - **I&S** Could we get that in writing before the Ex

12/11/2020, 11:40 - Gordon Lyons: IMG-20201112-WA0005.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356156**

12/11/2020, 11:45 - Emma Little Pengelly: Lee is on here now too ðŸ'

12/11/2020, 11:48 - Gordon Lyons: IMG-20201112-WA0006.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356157**

12/11/2020, 11:50 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20201112-WA0007.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356158**

12/11/2020, 11:50 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20201112-WA0008.jpg (file attached) **INQ000356159**

12/11/2020, 11:51 - Emma Little Pengelly: There is a group of them

12/11/2020, 12:07 - **I&S** Will do

12/11/2020, 12:11 - **I&S** Iâ€™m out of office and Iâ€™ve got **NR** to send in

12/11/2020, 12:20 - Edwin: <Media omitted> **[Irrelevant image]**

12/11/2020, 12:40 - Edwin: <Media omitted> **[Irrelevant image]**

12/11/2020, 16:30 - Peter Weir: Is Nichola thick or what!

12/11/2020, 16:36 - Edwin: <Media omitted> **[Irrelevant image]**

12/11/2020, 16:49 - Edwin: Head teacher has just give us all a reprimand

12/11/2020, 16:49 - **I&S** Here comes Declan

12/11/2020, 16:50 - Edwin: His party cares about lives!!!

12/11/2020, 16:50 - Emma Little Pengelly: ðŸª@ðŸª@ðŸª@ðŸª@

12/11/2020, 16:51 - Edwin: Don't rise to him

We are going to get this over the line

12/11/2020, 16:53 - Emma Little Pengelly: It would only require amendment to the regs - changing some aspects and dates but most can be carried forward so it is not new drafting in that sense

12/11/2020, 16:55 - **I&S** The tv fell out of my beard when I was leaving the shop...

12/11/2020, 16:55 - Edwin: Lol

12/11/2020, 16:57 - Emma Little Pengelly: It would also be the best way to get the regs in place on time, any significant further amends will need time to draft further. Simpler the better

12/11/2020, 17:00 - **I&S** Apols I was drafting material - whatâ€™s happened?

12/11/2020, 17:03 - Phil Weir: Back on at 5.10, taking time to read version 3 from Diane

12/11/2020, 17:05 **I&S** : Cheers

12/11/2020, 17:11 - Emma Little Pengelly: There is nothing urgent on the EU agenda apart from this serious issue of Prohibition & Restricted goods that Andrew wants to raise - is it worth Arlene indicating that and allowing the issue to be raised at the end rather than launch into the EU exit committee?

Edwin and Mark are aware - Andrew going to seek exec agreement that an urgent letter should go to UK and one to EU on the issue from Edwin on behalf of exec. Best to get this away by tomorrow and best to have exec behind it

12/11/2020, 17:29 - Edwin: Well done everyone.

Best achievable outcome.

We need to put proposals next week about how community spread can be avoided better messaging and enforcement.

We should do it as it demonstrates we are serious about keeping control of this

12/11/2020, 17:34 - Peter Weir: Totally agree. Doesn't hurt that SF voted against and it was our proposal that was through

12/11/2020, 17:37 - Edwin: It is excellent, stops Naomi claiming credit

12/11/2020, 17:38 - **NR**: TEAM

12/11/2020, 17:38 - Emma Little Pengelly: Yes, coverage at this stage that it was a DUP proposal and SDLP and SF not behind it works well for us I think

12/11/2020, 17:46 - **I&S** Thanks to all for staying the course and for all your hard work.

12/11/2020, 17:57 - Emma Little Pengelly: Hopefully Edwin will cut through this andrew guff and emphasis the scale of the risk in all of this and how serious it is. All chilled process meats could not enter at this stage - everything from ready meals to any chilled product which has meat that has been processed in any way

12/11/2020, 17:58 - Emma Little Pengelly: Alot of the meat we have goes to GB so would be prevented from entering NI again potentially as part of M&S, tesco, asda meals etc

12/11/2020, 18:00 - **I&S** She's doing it anyway - it's hers with a few tweaks apparently

12/11/2020, 18:02 - **NR** When is exec officially announcing outcome for NI direct or website?

12/11/2020, 18:04 - Emma Little Pengelly: The lever on this is with the EU. The EU needs to give the flexibility

12/11/2020, 18:05 - Emma Little Pengelly: I understand UK Gov feels it would be very useful for us to write and try and get the EU flexibility on it. UK Gov can't deliver it

12/11/2020, 18:05 - Phil Weir: Written statement being prepared for mias

12/11/2020, 18:09 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20201112-WA0029.jpg (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

Diane's lasagne point hits again - though this time with a total ban - yet, who wanted to listen at the time

12/11/2020, 18:10 - Emma Little Pengelly: Worth highlighting that the supermarket letter from FM and DFM has definitely got things moving

12/11/2020, 18:10 - Emma Little Pengelly: If we can do this on other critical issues we should

12/11/2020, 18:11 - Edwin: I could eat a bit of Diane's lasagne right now

12/11/2020, 18:12 - Emma Little Pengelly: VID-20201112-WA0030.mp4 (file attached) **[Irrelevant image]**

12/11/2020, 18:12 - **I&S** My cowboy supper is being prepared...they want to deny me my sausages too

12/11/2020, 18:12 - Emma Little Pengelly: ðŸ¥£

12/11/2020, 18:16 - Emma Little Pengelly: Thank goodness for Edwin as the point would have been lost completely if left to McCormick...

12/11/2020, 18:17 - **I&S** ðŸ'ðŸ»ðŸ'ðŸ»ðŸ'ðŸ»

12/11/2020, 19:09 - Phil Weir: <Media omitted> **[Irrelevant image]**

12/11/2020, 19:17 - Emma Little Pengelly: V good.

12/11/2020, 19:37 - Peter Weir: Somewhere in front of a bookcase, a puzzled Nichola Mallon is still try to figure out â€œso just exactly what does happen on 27th November?â€

12/11/2020, 19:37 - Gordon Lyons: "Just so I'm clear...."

12/11/2020, 19:40 - [I&S] She is even more puzzled that I am writing a letter to the EU on her behalf

12/11/2020, 19:41 - Phil Weir: Letter from Andrew could be more puzzling

12/11/2020, 19:42 - [I&S] Certainly won't be short and to the point

12/11/2020, 19:46 - Peter Weir: Nichola Mallon today

<https://fatherted.gifglobe.com/scene/?frame=S03E07-Y0zjW4v1>

12/11/2020, 20:18 - Phil Weir: graphic.pdf (file attached) [INQ000356057]

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12/11/2020, 22:32 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20201112-WA0036.jpg (file attached) [INQ000356161]

12/11/2020, 22:32 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20201112-WA0037.jpg (file attached) [INQ000356162]

12/11/2020, 22:32 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20201112-WA0038.jpg (file attached) [INQ000356163]

13/11/2020, 20:01 - Phil Weir: nizr\_20200256\_en (1).pdf (file attached)

nizr\_20200256\_en (1).pdf [INQ000356166]

15/11/2020, 17:48 - Peter Weir: Just speaking to Carla. A lot of positive tests in Portadown campus of Craigavon Senior High, although interestingly not as a result of school but through teenagers hanging around together in big numbers during the half term break. Shows dangers in different sectors of moving from controlled environment to uncontrolled environment

15/11/2020, 17:50 - [I&S] Yes. I heard that.

15/11/2020, 18:40 - Emma Little Pengelly: [I&S] is a teacher in it and got tested yesterday. Got a negative result today but was pinged 4 hrs later with an alert. She she whole rows of pupils in her class have it

15/11/2020, 18:41 - Emma Little Pengelly: She says the whole front row in her class and the teacher next door and a load of pupils too. The school is moving to online learning for much of the classes apparently with significant number of teachers and pupils off

15/11/2020, 18:44 - Emma Little Pengelly: Interestingly, she said the staff at the special testing place set up for them at the school said that if people are sitting in cars beside each other at test centres, the app seems to be picking that up.

The situation is pretty bad there and they moved to test all teachers and 600 pupils at the school over the weekend

15/11/2020, 18:46 - Peter Martin: I was made aware of that situation by the CE of CSSC. We know a special school in Bangor is going to pt teaching this week due to staff shortages. I don't think it's being in school so much as the outside env as you say Emma.

15/11/2020, 18:48 - Emma Little Pengelly: Hard to say - seems very suspicious though that it is rows in classes. Also that the teachers are getting it too, esp if they seem to get it in classes where the front of the class have got it, seems to suggest in class transmission.

Let's face it, the teachers were not hanging around with the pupils in half term....

15/11/2020, 18:48 - Emma Little Pengelly: Kids aren't socially distancing, either in school or outside it tbh

15/11/2020, 21:44 - Peter Weir: I think part of the problem is that teachers aren't particularly socially distancing from each other, even outside school. Not sure there is much transmission between pupils and staff or vice versa. Where there have been cases it seems largely to be staff or pupils but rarely a mixture of both

[I&S]

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16/11/2020, 18:07 - I&S : It all happens in nth Down - champagne socialists aka the Corbyn brothers

16/11/2020, 18:18 - Edwin: At least somebody from Bangor grammar made it.

16/11/2020, 18:29 - Peter Weir: We

16/11/2020, 18:31 - Peter Weir: Same magazine also listed old boys Chris Buckler and Andrew McCormack - oh dear!

I&S

16/11/2020, 22:34 - Phil Weir: No executive in morning

16/11/2020, 22:35 - I&S : ...

16/11/2020, 22:39 - I&S : Yea!

17/11/2020, 11:25 - Phil Weir: Was talking to eoin so he says DfE, DAERA or DE haven't made any bids for extra Covid money - DoF deadline was yesterday, but if they're looking to submit anything DoF will accept bids this morning - Conor hoping to allocate a portion of it on Thursday to those who have bid which includes DfI and DfC

17/11/2020, 12:00 - Phil Weir: Lunchtime zoom will be little delayed today- aim to start at 1.15

17/11/2020, 12:05 - I&S : Trying to figure this out now. There will be a large request

17/11/2020, 13:07 - Phil Weir: Arlene not able to do zoom unfortunately, may try to rearrange

18/11/2020, 12:36 - Emma Little Pengelly: IMG-20201118-WA0003.jpg (file attached) INQ000356164

A wer prayer from I&S

I&S : has 17 of her pupils in her class confirmed covid positive). Everyone is very distressed by the situation ðŸ˜¥

18/11/2020, 12:37 - NR : Your sister is very wise.

18/11/2020, 18:00 - I&S : That lasagne strikes again!!!!!!

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2020/nov/18/northern-ireland-businesses-call-for-brexit-transition-extension>

18/11/2020, 18:53 - I&S : Naomi complaint about amendments has begun - financial repercussions and duties placed on her

18/11/2020, 18:53 - Peter Martin: BlessðŸ˜Š

18/11/2020, 19:38 - I&S : Now Nichola doesn't understand something...

18/11/2020, 19:45 - I&S : She wants a course now...

18/11/2020, 19:45 - I&S : Dear love you having to listen to all that

19/11/2020, 11:04 - Phil Weir: Zoom at midday

19/11/2020, 12:00 - Phil Weir: IMG-20201119-WA0000.jpg (file attached) [Irrelevant image]

19/11/2020, 16:37 - Edwin: Are we reconvening

19/11/2020, 21:31 - Peter Martin: SF have leaked the FSM story on Twitter. I've put out a tweet for PW and Clive already had branded stuff ready to go for the party. Worth retweeting in the next 5 mins to get ahead of SF in the Twitter war.

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19/11/2020, 21:59 - Phil Weir: OK see you ve statement out

24/11/2020, 09:03 - Peter Weir: Are there dial in details yet?

24/11/2020, 11:12 - Phil Weir: Minister and spad meeting- 1pm sharp, room 315 parl bldgs

24/11/2020, 16:18 - **NR** updated the message timer. New messages will disappear from this chat 7 days after they're sent, except when kept.

02/02/2021, 09:02 - **NR** removed **I&S**

02/02/2021, 09:03 - **NR** added Gary Middleton

02/02/2021, 09:03 - **NR** added Mark Beattie and + **I&S**

02/02/2021, 09:03 - **NR** removed you

08/03/2021, 22:07 - **NR** added you

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16/06/2021, 13:06 - **I&S** left

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