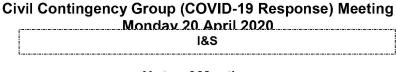
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Note of Meeting

Attendees David Sterling (Chair) Arlene Foster - FM Michelle O'Neill - dFM Declan Kearney - JM Gordon Lyons – JM Anthony Harbinson - TEO Chris Stewart - TEO Karen Pearson – TEO Andrew McCormick - TEO Katrina Godfrey - Dfl Richard Pengelly - DoH Mike Brennan - DfE Denis McMahon - DAERA Peter May - DoJ Sue Gray - DoF Jill Minne - NICSHR Derek Baker - DE Tracy Meharg - DfC CC Simon Bryne - PSNI ACC Alan Todd - PSNI Michael Graham - NIFRS Michael Bloomfield - NIAS David Jackson - Local Government Joan McCaffrey - Local Government Maria Jennings – Food Standards Agency Mark Larmour – NIO Chris McNabb - EIS TEO Hugh Widdis - DSO NR _ _ TEO Lesley Hogg - NI Assembly

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

– NI Hub

Jonathan Porter - SIB Jane Holmes – NI Hub

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2. **COVID-19 - CURRENT SITUATION AND PROGNOSIS**

Richard Pengelly (DoH) updated the meeting:

To date there had been 2,645 confirmed cases in NI and 194 deaths.

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- Only 1 death occurred yesterday, but he cautioned the meeting that we should consider the ongoing trend overall and not to put too much focus on either a sudden dip in figures or a sudden spike.
- There is a focus at present on social care issues, with a paper from DoH going to the Executive meeting today.

3. ACTIONS REVIEW

David Sterling asked for updates on outstanding CCG actions:

CCG1704/01 – Household Recycling Centres – This issue was considered at the Executive meeting on 17 April. The outcome was that DAERA would urgently prepare a further paper for consideration by the Executive.

CCG1304/02 – Regulations – a policy paper was considered by the Executive on 17 April. No agreement on changes to the regulations and the issue is to be reconsidered by the Executive at the end of the week.

CCG1604/03 - Loss of income for councils – Issue to be considered alongside others pressures by DoF.

CCG0904/04 – Support to Haulage and Ferry Companies – There has been progress on providing support for ferry companies, with an announcement due later today. More work is needed on support for haulage companies.

CCG0804/06 – Support for Airports – An announcement on the support agreed for local airports was expected in the next few days.

4. SIT-REP UPDATE

Anthony Harbinson took the meeting through the main issues arising from yesterday's Sit-Rep including:

 The NI DoH Public Facing Information Dashboard is now live and will replace the daily report from DoH. The Dashboard will now be incorporated into the NI Hub Sitrep.

Action: DoH dashboard to be integrated into the SitRep (NIHub Analytics)

• DfE are working with local universities in relation to the UK wide higher education institutions amending admissions practices to secure additional

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student income from other UK students. Mike Brennan advised that local and devolved universities had a number of concerns with the UK wide approach and discussions were ongoing.

 350 sports clubs and organisations have applied for financial assistance through the DfC Hardship Fund for Sport. The Hardship Fund has been increased by 50%. Sports NI have suspended the scheme pending assessment of applications already submitted.

5. **LEGISLATION UPDATE**

 Chris Stewart advised that there was nothing further to add to the earlier discussion under the actions.

6. MEMBER UPDATES

- PSNI updated the meeting that the number of travel enforcement tickets they have been issuing has been reducing, which has been offset by an increase in traffic volumes. PSNI requested clarity on guidance and enforcement in respect of 'travel to exercise' in light of the Attorney general's letter and 'travelling to recycling centres'. It was agreed that all parties would work together to provide clarity on these issues.
- Peter May updated the meeting that the issue concerning provision of PPE for funeral directors was ongoing.

7. COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

 Chris McNabb (EIS) advised the meeting that the daily press conference today would be led by the Health Minister and the Chief Scientific Officer on revised modelling.

8. AOB AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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