

MINUTE TEMPLATE

DoF PRIVATE OFFICE MEETING NOTE

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KN REF:		EXEC-0479-2020		
TITLE/ORGANISATION:		Budget 2021-22		
DATE AND TIME:		07 December 2020 – 14.30		
VENUE:	<input type="checkbox"/> PB	<input type="checkbox"/> Clare House	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:	
ATTENDEES:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Minister	<input type="checkbox"/> SpAd	<input type="checkbox"/> PS		
OFFICIALS / OTHER:	Joanne McBurney Jonathan McAdams Jeff McGuinness Patrick Neeson Sue Gray			
KEY POINTS DISCUSSED: Joanne took Minister through the format of the draft paper – funding has not changed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft letter for SOSNI raising concerns about NDNA funding position • Pressures on departments • All bids included • Options for allocations • Timing is an issue for seeking further bids and reallocations • Rates – could increase funding. Domestic/non-domestic rates will be frozen • Resource DEL - £97.9m available for allocations – Supply have provided suggestions but Minister may have a different view. (Table 6) • Independent oversight bodies - Assembly, Audit Office and Public Sector Ombudsman – Audit Committee needs to challenge pay issues • Agenda for Change – immediate call on funding available NDNA Exercise Central Funding Covid-19 Funding - £538m for allocation – £380m bid by DOH. DE bid for £30.6m for holiday hunger.				

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Hold the balance until revised budget position is known – Minister agrees.

Farming and fishing budget will be ring-fenced (£15m blow

Minister's Comments/Queries

Allocate the TPA funding now – NIO expected to match fund.

Agrees about holding the balance of the C-19 funding.

Shared Prosperity Funding

Estimate of gap in EU funding? DfE will be hit hard by its absence.

Capital Spend – Gross funding position discussed – Can be spent by Depts unless ring-fenced or flagship. Not a lot of difference in last year financial position.

DoF has £200m borrowing that could be allocated if specific issue arose

Due £20m for City Deals

FTC – Reduced Barnett consequential as England wrapping up some of its support schemes.

ACTION POINTS / ISSUES AGREED & OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE

- Add a paragraph about SPF to paper
- Consider Audit Office position iro pay freezes
- Draft letter to SOSNI from Minister about NDNA funding.

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