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# **MEETING NOTE**

KN REF:		INV 1205-2020				
TITLE/ORGANISATION:		QUADRILATERAL MEETING				
DATE AND TIME:		24 <sup>TH</sup> July 2020 @				
VENUE:	□РВ	☐ Clare	House	☐ OTHER:		
LIST OF ATTENDEES:		Steve Barclay, Conor Murphy, Rebecca Evans, Kate Forbes, Sue Gray, Joanne McBurney- other devolved officials				
☐ Minister	☐ SpAd	☐ PS				
OFFICIALS:						
OTHERS:						
KEY POINTS DISCUSSED:						
Uncertainty and CSR main items:						
CST – keen to hear in terms of Barnett announcement and moving forward.						
CM – welcome announcement as assists in managing uncertainty. Having got news we will sit with DoH and identify priorities and how we can met those – moving to economic recovery. Earlier we know the quicker we can plan ahead.						
CST – keen to work with you on specific issues in NI.						
KF – welcome additional funds. Still keen is whether Capital can be moved to resource						
CST - additional Barnett should address resource aspect. Desire is to prioritise and accelerate capital. In short term 1.9 billion can go to RDEL and address pressures.						
CM – intent on getting capital money is to kick start economic recovery using capital spend. Recognition this may not be possible so would like flexibility.						
RE – welcome additional budget. Helpful to know if guarantee will not be reduced for after Covid period. Flexibility of moving funding over into next financial year and think appropriate to enable capital revenue switch. Fiscal framework – in exceptional circumstances can this be relaxed?						
CST – CSR – Chancellor has confirmed 3 years budget RDEL and 4 years CDEL. Key theme is PM prioritisation levelling up – at sub regional level. Interested in your thoughts. Good to have further conversation on this.						
KF – timing for CSR and what overall approach to this? EU funding – how can we ensure funding is reinvested? Good to know where there will be devolved involvement in this.						

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CM – Statement of funding policy – would like certainty on this. Welcome multi year review. Earlier we know what this is the better. Big geographical issues here – need to be tackled – analysis and multi year budgets help this.

RE – Revision of Statement of Funding Policy required, discussion on financial transactions – perhaps officials can look at this. (difficult to hear RE comments)

CST – open to frequent meetings. SFP lets have officials discuss this. How can we look at data in levelling up process. Austerity- not having return to austerity. Budgets will increase in real terms.

#### **AOB**

CM – CJRS – some sectors are going to be affected by closing in October – abrupt closure of furlough and availability of bounce back loans and whether there can be flexibility on these for these sectors. Particularly raise the Bus and Coach sector

DWP funding – increase in claimants and we get money for claimants – administrative costs – not sure whether Barnett consequential will be provided for this.

CST – teams pick up anything under AoB to be addressed separately.

CST – aware coaches are sector affected and looking at this / DWP – officials to pick up / bounce back loan very generous as is and worry on relaxing terms when 100% already guaranteed – difficult sell.

CM – request to try and keep flexibility to enable people to make payments. Recognising how we can assist businesses that will be going through lean period.

KF- Childcare on agenda – private and voluntary.

CST - will check if anything being done

### **ACTION POINTS / OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE:**

Officials to continue to liaise on SFP and matters under AoB separately

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