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MEETING NOTE

KN REF:		INV 1184 - 2020	
TITLE/ORGANISATION:		QUADRALATERAL MEETING	
DATE AND TIME:		2pm 26 th June 2020	
VENUE:	<input type="checkbox"/> PB	<input type="checkbox"/> Clare House	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
LIST OF ATTENDEES:		<i>Conor Murphy, Rebecca Evans, Kate Forbes, Sue Gray, Joanne McBurney and relevant devolved administration officials</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Minister	<input type="checkbox"/> SpAd	<input type="checkbox"/> PS	
OFFICIALS:			
OTHERS:			
<p>KEY POINTS DISCUSSED:</p> <p>CST – positive conversation in recent weeks. Today opportunity to take stock ahead of summer economic update and to better understand uncertainties and how people managing financial position and making savings.</p> <p>Update for each.</p> <p>Rebecca Wales – want to show scale – forecast pressures near a billion before economic recovery and assumes no further waves. Undertaken reprioritisation exercise and savings. Keen to how we can reduce capital budgets and looking at revenue budgets to see what we have there. Need additional flexibilities to help manage continuing uncertainties.</p> <p>Conor NI – similar issues to Wales. High level assessment of position. Hard to provide high degree of accuracy. Identified approx. £140 million and this has been redirected to Covid 19 pressures. Spent most of Barnett. Same certainties and flexibilities are what we would want – resource v capital. Looking now at what economic recovery will look like. Earlier info we have on this would be helpful.</p> <p>Kate Scotland – identified additional 600million of savings. Transport, education mentioned as key pressure and high unemployment. Paper silent on fiscal flexibilities – need to make progress on this. Some flexibilities are minor – need to get beyond discussing and getting some agreement.</p> <p>CST – what shortfalls are there and what flexibilities we can look at. Will be additional revenue. Natural point in summer economic update to crystallise this. Eng has been working through Dept pressures, underspends and looking at what capital can be accelerated. Further consequentials.</p>			

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Scotland – will Capital be reprofiled or additional ?

CST – where is the capital spend– looking at bigger initial scheme in year 1 based

CM – should we be looking at this reprofiling and where additional capital spend should be doing re economic stimulus.

CST – much of stimulus will be on capital spend.

Ben – large range of options available re decisions on how we come out of lockdown.
Trying to bring all info together for economic update in July.

Wales – when in July is economic update – different recess dates and want to report to Parl on changes and impact on spending plans and also need to move on re the flexibilities particularly if you could agree to capital revenue switch

CST – first half of July. Ben when date firmed up can we share this. CDEL to RDEL sympathetic to that - need to understand clarity on outstanding requirement re what the summer update discloses.

Scotland – direction of travel from you would be helpful – if we can switch capital to resource that would be very helpful. A sense of your preference.

CST next time would like to crystallise next time CDEL to RDEL.

CST - PPE position – are you happy?

CM – content with PPE arrangement – provide clarity and now Barnett approach.

Can you give us position of spending review?

CST – hoping Spending review will be multi year. Will be in Autumn. Hopefully have clarity on how the economy has restarted.

RE – statement of funding policy

KF – delighted with PPE, looking for confirmation of consequentials, on CSR being sighted on timescale.

CST – statement of funding – want to liaise. CSR benefit of constructive relations is that it is 2 way and will have much clearer view and pick this up on back of summer update.

AOB

CM – tapering down of CJRS – some sectors with restrictions not going to be near full capacity strong concern that tapering and greater employer contributions will show more being made redundant – appealing for consideration to be given to this.

KF – how can there be more flexible based approach to this

RE – same

CT – tapering is modest at start. Point is valid and sector challenges will remain – conversation is to have the conversation re specific issues within sectors and how can we

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work on a package of support to help. May need to look at other routes as opposed to furlough scheme.

CM - some sense of other routes would be helpful.

CST – can colleagues on call share to get clearer picture on where opportunities are and what the pressures are.

Keen to continue dialogue

ACTION POINTS / OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE:

Can teams continue discussion on sectoral issues and challenges

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