

**EXECUTIVE COVID TASKFORCE  
STRATEGIC OVERSIGHT BOARD  
DRAFT MINUTES  
6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021**

**Present:** Jayne Brady (Chair)  
Mike Brennan  
Richard Pengelly  
Denis McMahon  
Tracy Meharg  
Peter May  
Karen Pearson  
Chris McNabb  
Peter Luney  
Jane Holmes

NR  
NR (Minutes)  
NR (For Agenda Item 2 Only)

**Apologies:** None.

**1. Minutes of meeting on 22 September 2021**

Minutes of meeting held on 22 September were agreed.

**2. Presentation – Nation Brands Index 2021**

NR provided a presentation to the group on the Nations Brands Index and international perspectives to Northern Ireland’s reaction to COVID-19. NR identified that the data is based on public perception and advised NI statistics are reflected as a separate nation but also included in the overall UK position.

NR agreed to ensure that the NI Bureaux in Washington and Beijing have access to this data as they may find it useful.

[Action : NR]

**3. Recovery**

Karen Pearson provided an update on the first meeting of the Senior Covid Recovery Group. The Group have agreed to meet fortnightly moving forward.

Karen advised that the Covid-19 Autumn/Winter Contingency Plan will be tabled at the Executive on 7<sup>th</sup> October. The Plan is inclusive of baseline and contingency measures.

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Peter Luney agreed to share the Covid-19 Autumn/Winter Contingency Plan and the Executive Covid Taskforce Update with members.

**[Action : Peter Luney]**

Chris McNabb agreed to provide Jayne with a proposition and timeline relating to the production of a one page public facing document detailing the Covid-19 Autumn/Winter Contingency Plan.

**[Action : Chris McNabb]**

**4. Protect**

Richard Pengelly provided an update on the Covid International Travel Certificate. Richard advised that, although certificates have an expiry date, they will be automatically renewed – this is as a result of digital security requirement.

Richard advised that work is ongoing to target issues around spilt vaccinations.

Richard confirmed that vaccinations will shortly be rolled out as part of a school based programme targeting 12-15 year olds and will also be available to 16 and 17 year olds. Parental consent will be required. The booster rollout is ongoing and will be opened up to those aged 50 and over in the coming days.

**3. Adherence**

Peter May provided an update on Ventilation and advised that a sub group of experts will meet on 15<sup>th</sup> October to discuss standards and associated messaging.

**4. Communications**

Chris McNabb provided an update on planned communications following the meeting of the Executive on 7<sup>th</sup> October.

**5. AOB**

Karen Pearson agreed to meet with HOCS to follow up on potential Covid Recovery delivery proposals.

**[Action : Karen Pearson]**

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**6. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021.