

**FINAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING: 20 MAY 2021**

**MEETING CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM**

**Present:** First Minister (Chair)  
deputy First Minister (Chair)  
Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs  
Minister for Communities  
Minister for the Economy  
Minister of Education  
Minister of Finance  
Minister of Health  
Minister for Infrastructure  
Minister of Justice

**In attendance:** Junior Minister, TEO (Mr. Lyons)  
Junior Minister, TEO (Mr. Kearney)

Interim Head of the Northern Ireland Civil Service  
Head of Executive and Central Advisory Division  
Dr Michael McBride, Chief Medical Officer  
Professor Ian Young, Chief Scientific Adviser  
Ms Karen Pearson, Director of EU Relations

Attorney General for Northern Ireland

**INTRODUCTION**

The deputy First Minister chaired agenda items 1 - 4.

AGENDA ITEM 1

Minutes of previous meetings

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Minutes of the Executive Meeting of 13 May 2021

10. The Minister also expressed his concerns about the high COVID incidence in Derry City/Strabane and Donegal. It was agreed that, following the success of previous engagement between the Junior Ministers and the local Council, this approach should be considered again, to be led either by the Executive COVID Taskforce or Junior Ministers. It was noted that the Executive Information Service was undertaking increased levels of advertising in the area.

11. Following discussion, the Executive ratified the proposed relaxations as of 24<sup>th</sup> May.

**E (21) 116 (C)      International Travel – Day 8 Testing of Green List Arrivals**

12. The Minister of Health introduced this paper.

13. Following discussion, the Executive agreed to add Portugal, Israel and Singapore to the International Travel Green List, and in line with option 4 of Executive Memorandum E (21) 116 (C), to introduce guidance to request that Green List arrivals from those countries take a Day 8 test, which would be provided free of charge.

14. It was agreed that further discussion of travel within the Common Travel Area was required, and that the Secretary to the Executive would consider this issue with the Minister of Health, with a view to a further paper being brought to an additional meeting of the Executive if required. It was also agreed that CTA travel issues may be discussed at the British Irish Council meeting planned for 11 June.

15. It was agreed that the First Minister, the deputy First Minister and the Minister of Health would issue an Executive statement on Green List countries and any additional mitigations required.

**E (21) 115 (C)      Pathway out of Restrictions – Proposals for Relaxation - Sure Start and Higher and Further Education**