AGENDA ITEM 5

COVID-19 Management

E (20) 123 (C) **Planning for Recovery: Third Review of Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020**

7. The Minister of Health introduced this paper.

8. Following discussion, the Executive agreed that:
   (i) the requirement in Regulation 2(2) for a third review of the Regulations had been met;
   (ii) the Regulations should continue to be an appropriate response to the serious and imminent threat to public health which was posed by the incidence and spread of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) in Northern Ireland;
   (iii) overall the restrictions and requirements imposed by these Regulations continued to be proportionate to what they (the Regulations) sought to achieve, which was a public health response to that infectious disease threat;
   (iv) the amendments recommended in Executive Memorandum E (20) 123 (C) should be implemented in the week commencing 8 June *subject to* R remaining at or below 0.9 at that time; and
   (v) the Executive was not yet ready to move to Step 2 of its Pathway to Recovery and would consider this as part of the fourth review on the regulations on 18 June.

9. Following discussion of issues relating to hotels, it was agreed that the Minister for the Economy would bring forward a paper in relation to proposed