

RECORD OF DECISION – IP/LAN 11

Pursuant to the Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland establishing a North/South Ministerial Council done at Dublin on 8 March 1999, the Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland establishing Implementation Bodies done at Dublin on 8 March 1999 and to the supplementary Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland constituted by the exchange of letters dated 18 June 1999, as amended by the supplementary Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland constituted by the exchange of notes dated 19 November 2002, Ms. Angela Smith, M.P., Parliamentary Under Secretary of State and Mr. Eamon Ó Cuív, T.D., Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs have given consent to the decision in paper **IP/LAN 11**. The effective date of this decision is 26 February 2004.

Decision Sought in Paper IP/LAN 11

Ministers are invited to:

- (a) approve the Business Plans for Foras na Gaeilge and Tha Boord o Ulstèr-Scotch in accordance with the amounts agreed by the sponsor Departments and recorded on the Annex to this paper; and
- (b) recommend the budget provision for the North/South Language Body in the table above for 2004, including the respective contributions North and South; and to note the projected total budgets for 2005-06.

Paper IP/LAN 11 - Annex

The sponsor Departments, after due consideration, have agreed the 2004 budget figures for the two Agencies of the North/South Language Body, Foras na Gaeilge and Tha Boord o Ulstèr-Scotch based on the care and maintenance mode in which North/South Bodies are operating. These budget figures have been agreed by the two sponsor Departments, and approved by both Finance Departments.

The Departments have approved the respective 2004 business plans on the basis of the budgets shown below and agreed that the funding is sufficient to allow each Agency to carry out the necessary activities to sustain and build on its 2003 baseline position.

Foras na Gaeilge – 2004 Budget

Grant from sponsor departments	= €18,694,000
Income from Book Sales	= € 550,000
Total	= €19,244,000

Programme expenditure

• Development services	= €9,080,000
• Education services	= €5,430,000
• Corporate Services	= € 204,000
Operating costs	= €4,530,000

Total Budget 2004 = €19,244,000 euro

Tha Boord o Ulstèr Scotch – 2004 Budget

Programme expenditure

• Linguistic development	= £103,000
• Culture	= £627,000
• Education	= £288,000
• Public Awareness	= £205,000
• Operating costs	= £481,000

Total Budget 2004 = £1,704,000 stg