

TOURISM IRELAND LIMITED

BUSINESS PLAN FOR 2006 AND BUDGETS 2006-07

RECORD OF DECISION IP/TOU 20

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. John O'Donoghue, T.D., Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism have given consent to the decision sought in **Paper IP/TOU 20**. The effective date of this decision is 6 January 2006.

Decision Sought in Paper IP/TOU 20

Ministers are asked to:

- (i) approve the Tourism Ireland Business Plan for 2006;
- (ii) recommend the budget provision for Tourism Ireland in the table below for 2006, including the respective Northern Ireland and Southern contributions; and
- (iii) note the projected total budget for 2007.

Recommended allocation 2006 Total Cost €1 = GBP.69 (millions)		Northern Ireland contribution to budget 2006 (millions)		Southern contribution to budget 2006 (millions)		Projected budget provision 2007 (millions)	
EUR	GBP	EUR	GBP	EUR	GBP	EUR	GBP
63.6	43.9	*18.2	*12.6	45.4	31.3	66.5	45.9

* During 2006/07 an additional £512,000 will be added to the Northern contribution to meet the cost of pension contributions and the introduction of a new exchange rate for 2006. The total Northern contribution for 2006/07 will, therefore, rise to £13.140m.