

LANGUAGE SECTOR

STAFFING FOR THA BOORD O ULSTÈR-SCOTCH (ULSTER-SCOTS AGENCY)

RECORD OF DECISION/IP LAN 48

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 Maria Eagle, 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 48**. The effective date of this decision is 2 May 2007.

Decision Sought in IP/LAN 48

NSMC is invited to approve the proposed new staffing structure including the two additional Development Officer posts; and note that the recruitment costs and additional salary costs to be incurred are already included in the 2007 Business Plan and Budget of the Ulster-Scots Agency approved by Ministers on 31 March 2007. The timescale for recruiting staff to fill these posts will be for the Agency to decide in conjunction with other priorities in its Corporate and Business Plans.