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NORTH SOUTH MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

NORTH SOUTH LANGUAGE BODY MEETING

NSMC JOINT SECRETARIAT OFFICES, ARMAGH

10 JULY 2013

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1. The nineteenth North South Ministerial Council Language Body meeting was held in Armagh on 10 July 2013. The meeting was attended by Carál Ní Chuilín, MLA, Minister for Culture, Arts and Leisure, OFMDFM Junior Minister Jonathan Bell MLA, Jimmy Deenihan, TD, Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and Dinny McGinley TD, Minister of State at the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. Minister Ní Chuilín chaired the meeting.

FORAS NA GAEILGE REVIEW OF CORE FUNDING

2. Ministers approved new funding arrangements, to replace Foras na Gaeilge's existing core funding model, comprising the following key elements:
 - the delivery by 6 lead organisations operating on an all-island basis of the following strategic priorities: Irish-medium education; Irish language in English-medium education; language-centred community and economic development; language use; language awareness and youth networks;

- the establishment by Foras na Gaeilge of an all-island partnership forum to ensure a collaborative approach by the 6 lead organisations;
 - the establishment by Foras na Gaeilge of an all-island language development forum which is representative of local language interests funded by Foras na Gaeilge at community level;
 - the development of a community radio scheme to provide funding for Irish language community radio in both jurisdictions; and
 - future funding to be provided for An tÁisaonad, as appropriate, in the context of Foras na Gaeilge's statutory function in regard to supporting Irish-medium education and the teaching of Irish.
3. The Council also directed Foras na Gaeilge to proceed with implementation of the new funding arrangements with effect from 1 July 2014, subject to approval by Finance Departments, and agreed to extend the core funding arrangements to 30 June 2014 when the new funding arrangements will take effect.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

4. The Council agreed that its next Language Body meeting will take place in autumn 2013.

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