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We ar fair blythe settan this furth, the 5t yearlie din o the North/South Council Ministers (NSMC).

We can set furth at we haen upheld progress athort aa sectors 2004, wi the North/South Implement Curns an Tourism Ireland Ltd carrie an foreairt thair wark for forderan wirkin thegither for the mutual advantage o fowk in the baith pairts o the islan.



An sat fore in the Yearlie Dins afore, the Greeance atween the baith Govrenments settan the North/South Implement Curns an Tourism Ireland Ltd up taen an amendment efter the suspension o the Assemle o Norlin Airlan October 2002. This amendment sat fore at "decisions o the North/South Council Ministers anent policies an daeins a-dae wi the Implement Curns, Tourism Ireland Ltd an thair functions bes for a-takan frae the baith Govrenments. Nae new functions is for a-giean tae the Implement Curns. Sic arrangements wis for makan sicar the curns cud gae on wi thair importan public functions unner 'care and maintenance'.

As kythes in this Din, the Curns haes upheld progress in thair wark an is deliveran outcums for mutual advantage. For ensample, mair nor 2 million tourists - the heichmaist nummers ever - cam tae Norlin Airlan 2004. North/South trade an business wark thegither wis never heicher. Strang progress is a-makan wi the owreance o Loughs Foyle an Carlingford an the owreance o inlan watterweys. Meat sauttie forder frae Safefood wis gey guid, an a muckle progress is a-makan, an deliveran the advantages o EU programs for Norlin Airlan an the Mairches. The baith langage agentries haes went on wi thair importan wark, an forderan the Earse an Ulster Scots. The record o achievement kythes wi details in the blaids ablo.

Teamwark is gey importan sae as we can bear the gree for North/South cooperation, an we ar for taken this inlet for tae gie thanks tae thaim as daen wark wi us 2004. Pairticular, we gies thanks tae the Ministers in the baith Administrations for thair uphault. We ar gey thankrif for the wark an inpit o our colleagues in the Jynt Secretariat, in the Depairtments, in the Curns thairsels, thegither wi the Memmers o the Buirds.

The ongan want o certaintie anent public daeans haes an impact tae our collective abilitie for tae plan for the futur, at is no tae evite. But athin sic limits, a muckle progress is efter a-makan wi enhauncean the business plannin an househault processes o the Curns, an wi settan in Best Practice wi maitters o Corporat accountabilitie. We are gey thankrife for the cooperation o the wirkars an the Memmers o Buirds in makan sic chynghes.

The wark ongan unner the NSMC bes a lown storie o success. The blaids ablo sets furth the muckle level achievement, at cam about wi sweir circumstances. The team o the Jynt Secretariat is for hae an ongan role in sic collective endeavour.

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Chapter 1
The North/South Council Ministers



Upset

1.1 The North/South Council Ministers (NSMC) was sat up Thursday 2d Decemmer 1999 wi the cumin intae laa o the Brits-Airis Greeance o 8t Mairch 1999, at wis signed frae the Brits an Airis Govrenments wi the Greeance cam tae at the Multi-Partie negotiations in Belfast on Guid Fryday, 10t Aprile 1998 ("the Greeance"). It kythes in the Greeance at the North/South Council Ministers bes for bringan thegither thaim wi executive responsibilities in Norlin Airlan an the Airis Govrenment for tae bring on speirins, wirkin thegither an action athin the islan Airlan - comprehendan wi implement at the level o aa-Airlan or athort-mairch - anent maitters o interest tae the baith an athin the competence o ilka administration, North an South.

1.2 The NSMC comprehends ministers o the Norlin Airlan administration an the Airis Govrenment, wirkan thegither for tae tak foreairt cooperation atween the baith pairs o the islan for mutual advantage.

Airts o operation o the Council

1.3 It kythed in the Greeance at 12 subject airts or mair wad be identifeed for cooperation an implement. North/South cooperation in sic airts wad be taen on in twa ways - sax or mair wi new North/South Implement Curns, an sax or mair ithers wi curns aareddies thar wirkan at an athort-mairch or aa-islan level.

1.4 The sax airts identifeed whaur cooperation wis for a-takan on frae the new North/South Implement Curns wis:

- Inlan watterweys;
- Meat Sautie;
- Trade an Business Oncum;
- Byordinar EU Programs;
- Langage (the Earse an the Ulster Scots); an
- Aquacultur an marine maitters.

Aspects o sax ither airts wis identifeed bean thaim whaur

cooperation wad be taen on frae curns aareddies thar in ilka stewartrie separat ('Airts for Cooperation'):

- Agricultur;
- Lear;
- Environs;
- Halth;
- Transport; an
- Tourism

1.5 The Airis an Brits Govrenments than cam tae a greeance anent the upset o North/South curns 8t Mairch 1999 ("the Implement Curns Greeance"). This sat out the functions an structur o the North/South Curns an the lyke arryngements appleean tae thaim, an cam intae bein North an South wi the North/South Co-operation (Implementation Bodies) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 an the Brits-Airis Greeance Act 1999. Thay crys sic organisations thegither the North/South Curns or juist 'the Curns'.

1.6 The 12 Airts comprehends thae maitters whaur the NSMC can tak decisions frae greeance anent (a) policies for implement separat in ilka stewartrie an anent (b) policies an actions at an aa-islan an athort-mairch level for implement frae the Curns. Farder oncum o thir arryngements is aible frae the greeance in the Council, an wi pairticular uphau'd frae the Assemblie o Norlin Airlan an the Oireachtas, sae bean siclyke bide athin the competence an responsibilities o the baith administrations.

The Formats o Council Forgathers

1.7 The NSMC forgathers in a wheen formats. Plenarie format comprehends the Norlin Airlan Executive delegation, heidit frae the First Minister an First Minister Depute an the Airis Govrenment delegation heidit frae the Taoiseach an the Tánaiste. The darg o the plenarie is the takin o an owreview o cooperation on the islan an o the North/South institutions.

1.8 In institutional format the NSMC brings thegither the Norlin Airlan Executive representit frae the First Minister an

First Minister Depute an the Airis Govrenment representit frae the Minister for Fern Daeins. The darg o the institutional format is thinkan on institutional an cross-sector daeins, comprehendan daeins relate tae the European Union, an the resolution o onie disgreeance.

1.9 In sectoral format the NSMC owresee cooperation in the greed 12 Airts or Sectors. At sic forgaiters, the Airis Govrenment is representit frae the Minister wi responsibilitie for thon sector, an the Norlin Airlan Executive a-representan frae twa Ministers nominate athort-communin frae the First Minister an First Minister Depute, forordinar ane bean the Minister wi responsibilitie for the necessar sector athin the Executive. Siclyke gaes wi whit bes nott o the Greeance an the Norlin Airlan Act 1998, at pairttakin frae the Executive in the NSMC maun mak sicar at thar aa-communin comprehension.

Suspension o the Assemblie o Norlin Airlan

1.10 Efter the suspension o the Assemblie o Norlin Airlan 14t October 2002, a greeance atween the UK an Airis Govrenments wis cam tae, an comprehendit in a niffer o notes o 19t Novemmer 2002. This greeance sat a mechanism out for decisions a-takan anent policies an actions relate tae the Curns in the tyme o suspension o the Assemblie. Procedurs for the whyle is efter a-pittan in frae the NSMC Jynt Secretariat for the processin o Ministerial decisions, an the arryngements sat out in the Niffer o Notes atween the Govrenments appleeen. Decisions taen 2004 kythes at Annex 1.

Functions o the Council

1.11 The Council cairries out a nummer functions gan wi the Strand Twa o the Greeance. Siclyke wis sat out in the Greeance, as ablo:

- niffer o wittins, colloques and speirins anent cooperation anent maitters o mutual advantage athin the competence o the baith administrations, North an South;
- uiss o best endeavours for tae cum tae a greeance anent the incum o common policies, in airts whaur thar mutual athort-mairch an aa-islan advantage, an as bes athin the competence o the baith administrations, North an South, makan muckle efforts for tae evite disgreeance;
- decisions anent greeance anent policies for implement separat in ilka stewartrie, in necessar meaninfu airts athin the competence o the baith administrations, North an South; an
- decisions frae greeance anent policies an action at an aa-islan an athort-mairch level for implement frae the North/South Curns.

North/South Bodies

1.12 Ilkane o the sax North/South Curns wirks aa-islan. An haeen an apen wirkan remit, thay aa wirks unner the owreance o the NSMC, wi lines o accountabilitie bak no juist tae the Council, but tae the Finance an ither depairtments o govrenment wi responsibilitie for thair fundin in ilka stewartrie anaa.

The Curns is:

- Watterweys Airlan;
- The Meat Sauttie Forder Buird (FSPB);
- The Trade an Business Oncum Curn (InterTradelreland);
- The Byordinar EU Programs Buird (SEUPB);
- The North/South Langage Curn (comprehendan twa agentries, Foras na Gaeilge an the Ulster-Scots Agentrie); an
- The Foyle, Carlingford an Airis Lichts Commission (FCILC) (comprehendan twa agentries, the Loughs Agentrie an the Lichts Agentrie, see Blaud 14).



1.13 Anent thrie o the curns - InterTradelreland, the North/South Langage Curn, an the FCILC - the functions o ilka Curn bes carriet out frae a Buird taen on frae the NSMC. (An it no bean an Implement Curn, this is the wey wi Tourism Ireland anaa.) A Fort curn, the FSPB, haes a Buird o Rede, taen on frae the NSMC anaa, but the functions o the Curn bes carriet out frae the Heid Executive. The baith bodies owre, Watterweys Airlan an the SEUPB, haes nae Buirds, an ilkane haes its functions carriet out frae the Heid Executive.

1.14 Farder wittins about the wark o the Curns kythes in Chaipiter 2.

Airts for Wirkin Thegither

1.15 The maitters athin the Airts for Wirkin Thegither as wis greed for stairt consideration frae the NSMC kythes ablo:

- Lear: lear for bairns wi byordinar needs (the lyke o autism, heirin hinnerance), lear unnerachievement, dominie qualifications, an schuil, youth an dominie niffers;
- Agricultur: collogue anent Common Agricultur Policy (CAP) daeins, animal an plaunt halth policie an research, an laundart oncum;
- Environs: water qualitie management, waste management in an athort-mairch context, research intae fen o the environs, environs databases, environs impact o the agricultur, an wittins niffer an environs awaur;
- Halth: mishauter an emergencie services, plannin for muckle emergencies, heich technologie graith, cancer research an halth forder;
- Transport: strategic plannin an raa/rail sauftie. An cooperation cumen at the stairt frae raa/rail planning, it wad tak tent o daeins cumen frae the airport/port sectors; an
- Tourism: it wis greed tae set a public-aucht limitit companie up, for tae mercat the islan Airlan lyke a tourist destination.

1.16 Farder wittins anent the wark o the Council in sic airts kythes in Chaipiter 2.

North/South Council Ministers - Jynt Secretariat

1.17 A staundan Jynt Secretariat, wi wirkars frae the Norlin Airlan Civil Service an the Airis Govrenment Civil Service, haulds the NSMC up. Farder wittins anent the wark o the Secretariat kythes in Chaipiter 2.

Chapter 2

NSMC Sector Activities



This chapter gives an outline of the decisions made and activities taken on in relation to the sectors in 2004.

Trade and Business on the Island Sector



Peter Grant (r), Managing Agent of the InterTradeIreland FUSION Technology Transfer Program, and Brendan Donnelly (l) of Enterprise Ireland, a member of the InterTradeIreland FUSION Steering Panel pictured at Renley Ltd, a Dublin company that designs and manufactures products for high voltage electricity output networks. Renley Ltd is an InterTradeIreland FUSION partner company, and is working with Queens University Belfast and Graduate Gavin Tuite.

Trade and Business on the Island - InterTradeIreland

2.1.1 The Board of InterTradeIreland has Dr Martin Naughton for its Preses, and the Preses Depute is Mr Barry FitzSimons. The Head Executive of InterTradeIreland is Mr Liam Netts. The Members of the Board are listed at Annex 5.

Functions/Activities

2.1.2 The mission of InterTradeIreland, as set out in its Corporate Plan 2002-4, is 'to enhance the role of the island economy with distinctive knowledge-based interventions, bringing maximum returns in the areas of short-medium trade and

business on the island'. Its overall role is the further of North/South trade and business on the island. For this to be achieved, InterTradeIreland is working at the further of the abilities of businesses for trade on the island, focusing on building up the knowledge and skills needed from businesses and their staff as a policy, and building up the local knowledge and skills as can use it for this end.

2.1.3 Under the overall policy of the NSMC, InterTradeIreland works with the Department Enterprise, Trade and Investment, Belfast, and the Department Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Dublin, and with the island agencies throughout in Northern Ireland and in the South.

2.1.4 InterTradelreland haes the ettle o enhauncean enterprise competitiveness in the North/South context in airts the lyke o skeels availabilitie, telecoms, information technologie an electronic commerce.

Activities

2.1.5 2004, InterTradelreland delivered projects in echt Prioritie Program Airts: Trade Awaur, Trade Oncum, Business an Economie Research, Micro-Enterprise Uphauld, Privat Equitie, Science & Technologie; All-islan benchmairkin an Supplee Chain Management. In aa sic airts, InterTradelreland wirks along wi ither economic oncum agentries, an industrie an academic pairtners.

InterTradelrelands heid achievements 2004 comprehends:

- The creation o mair nor twintie aa-islan pairtneries, wi initiatives the lyke o the technologie transfer program (FUSION), supplee chain initiatives (Supply Chain Ireland, Supply Chain Champions Programme), micro-enterprise program (MICROTRADE) an aa-islan sales an mercatin programs (FOCUS an ACUMEN). InterTradelreland haes gien a haund wi facilitatean cooperation atween the baith telecommunications regulators (OFCOM an COMREG) wi giean research dins intae the abilitie for aa-islan telecommunications tariffs, an is cam tae a memorandum o forstaundin wi the US Council on Competitiveness for tae gie a haund wi the forder o mair cooperation atween Norlin Airlan an Airlan an mair interaction wi the Unit States anent competitiveness daeins;
- The outgie o technical an mercat wittins tae mair nor 4500 companies wi thair programs an events;
- The generation o mair nor £20m/€29m wirth o direct athort-mairch business vailie wi activities in programs the lyke o Supplier Education, EquityNetwork, FUSION, ACUMEN, an Network & Getwork;

- The creation an deliverie o aa-islan facilities the lyke o the EquityNetwork Seedcorn Competition, expertiseireland.com (the aa-islan research an technologie internet portal), gosource.com (the aa-islan public procurement directorie), the MICROTRADE micro-enterprise initiative an INNOVA (the aa-islan R&D collaboration program);
- Business & economic research furthsettins: comprehendan 2004, aa-islan dins anent the Furnitur, Horticultur an Financial Services Sectors an Entrepreneurship an the furthsettin o a quairterlie Aa Islan Trade an Production Monitor;
- Mair nor fiftie successfu aa-Airlan business events comprehendan the Aa-Airlan Competitiveness Summit, the EquityNetwork Confeerance, the Aa-Airlan Trade an Business Awaurds, Regional Trade Awaur Events, the Aa Airlan Benchmairkin Forum seminars, Network & Getwork buyar-suppleear events, an the PLATO national netwirkin dey; an
- Policie recommends tae govrenment depairtnments in Airlan an Norlin Airlan in airts the lyke o competitiveness, entrepreneurship, financial services, horticultur, science & technologie, skeels an telecommunications.

2.1.6 Februar 2005, InterTradelreland sat its 2005-7 Corporat Ploy furth. In it kythes its mission:

For tae enhaunce the global competitiveness o the aa-islan economie tae the mutual avantage o Airlan an Norlin Airlan wi meisurs the lyke o the creation o knowledge-intensive aa-islan trade an business oncum networks an the implement o aa-islan trade an business oncum programs.

2.1.7 Farder wittins anent InterTradelreland is tae finnd on the Curns wabsteid www.intertradeireland.com.



Meat Sauttie Sector



safefood forders richt haundwashin at the 2004 Balmoral Shaws

Meat Sauttie Forder Buird

2.2.1 The Meat Sauttie Forder Buird (FSPB) haes its heid responsibilitie wi the forder o meat sauttie, an uphauldan scientific wirkin thegither atween institutions wirkan in thon airt. Hit haes a Buird o Rede o 12 memmers, taen on frae the NSMC. The Buird haes Mr Bertie Kerr for a Preses, an the Preses Depute is Mr Charlie Daly. The Heid Executive o the FSPB is Mr Martin Higgins. The Memmers o the Buird kythes at Annex 5.

Functions/Objectives

2.2.2 The FSPB wirks unner the braund identifeear 'safefood', or in the Earse leid 'Bíaslán' an comprehends thrie directoratesorates - - Scientific an Technical, Mercatin an

Communications, an Plannin an Resources. This structur maks sicar at the Curn haes graith eneuch an haes put in the necessar uphaults for the oncum an implement o programs as haulds up its remit an the realisation o its mission.

2.2.3 The FSPB cairries out its role wi publicitie campaigns, specialist confeerances, an wi giean trainin an rede tae professionals an the public owreaa. Hit haes an inpit tae the uphauld o North/South scientific wirkin thegither, an cleeks atween institutions wirkan in the airt o meat sauttie - laboratories, statutor meat sauttie enforcement agentries, international an hamelie research curns. The oncum o cost-effective byordinar laboratorie pruiwin faas tae the Buird. The Buird haes a role giean independent, scientific pruiw o meat sauttie maitters anaa. Athort-mairch cooperation atween curns wirkan in thon airt bes at the mids o the wark o the Buird.

Activities

2.2.4 2004, bean a pairt o its ongan communications realitie check, safefood begoud an advertisein an direct mercatin campaign wi the pairticular ettle o the outgie o fridge thermometers athort the islan Airlan. The campaign wis a jynt initiative wi the meat curn Glanbia an 50,000 thermometers wis gien out tae househoulds.

2.2.5 Reponean tae a speirin process for the oncum o a Bairns advertisein campaign, safefood haen a muckle inpit wi the Braidkestin Commission Airlan. A breakfast forgaither at the hame o safefood gien a forum for apen colloque anent the issues. Representars frae the meat industrie, policie makars, bairns curns an academics haen an inpit tae the colloque.

2.2.6 The safefood 2004 confeerance 'Why Risk It?' wis apened frae Michael Martin TD, the Minister for Halth an Bairns, at Vairsitie College Cork. The confeerance put out the richt challenges addressan a wheen lifestyle risks in contemporary Airlan. The confeerance brocht thegither a diverse gaither expert delegates frae athort the EU, comprehendan the new memmer states.

2.2.7 Thar wis braid media cuiverin braid ilkane o the 26 Council airts featuran National Meat Sauttie Week in Norlin Airlan in Mey. The message haen its heid focus tae communin organisations, kirk curns, an ither associates as taks tent tae memmers or visitants at forgaithers, pairties or fairs. Mid-Mey, safefood an the Meat Staunarts Agentrie Norlin Airlan haen a jynt staund at the Balmoral Shaws in Belfast.

2.2.8 Ettlet at pittan owre meat sauttie messages in a wey o interest tae students, safefood begoud a reinge a pilot o direct mercatin daeins in echt colleges. The campaign as cam on wis cryed 'Fit for any Society'. Tips anent the wey o survivean college, an no faan tae meat poisonin wis sat furth in a kenspeckle wey athort the colleges.

2.2.9 Research wis a muckle pairt o the wark o safefood. A wheen research projects and chielhuids wis gien out, an heich-profile research seminars a-hauldan athort the islan.

2.2.10 Amang thon, a workshap for settan the outcums o the project "The oncum o a screenin seistem aible for finndan a braid reinge toxic an illegal drugs in reid fleshmeat" furth wis helt at the Dublin Citie Vairsitie Septemmer. A workshap for settan the finndins o the safefood research project pruiwan the effectiveness o Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points in meat production plants furth wis helt in October.

2.2.11 A review o the strategic oncum o the public halth service laboratorie services wis run frae a speir frae the Department Halth an Bairns. The review cuiver aa Halth Buird Meat Owreance Laboratories in the South, wi safefood bean the Secretariat. The din wis gien the Minister for Halth an Bairns Mr Brian Lenihan TD in July at the safefood biggins in Dublin.

2.2.12 The laboratorie-foundit Training Mobility Programme wis a muckle pairt for giean wirkars a gra for interaction an technologie transfer. safefood put on a reinge workshaps athort the islan Airlan at regional level for laboratorie wirkars cuiveran the airts o laboratorie accreditation, internal audit an laboratorie management.

2.2.13 Collaborative laboratorie action programs cryed 'synergy projects' gien siller frae safefood gaen on throu the year, comprehendan the oncum an validation o a rapid molecular detection wey for bacteria in meat. This brocht doun turnaround tymes frae 5 dey tae 24 hour.

2.2.14 The Lablink unit sat a thrie-mondlie newsletter furth for laboratorie wirkars. The newsletter wis sat furth in prent an electronic, ettlet at public laboratories wirkan in meat sauttie North an South. Hit haes in it airticles o interest tae comprehendan regular updates anent the activities o safefood, meat industrie news, an technical wittins.

2.2.15 Farder wittins anent safefood is tae finnd on the Curns wabsteid www.safefoodonline.com.



Aquacultur an Marine Sector



Foyle, Carlingford an Airis Lights Commission

2.3.1 The NSMC forgathers in the Aquacultur an the Marine Sector for tae tak decisions anent policies an action for a-implementan frae the Foyle, Carlingford an Airis Lights Commission (FCILC).

2.3.2 It kythes in the Implement Curns Greeance at the FCILC maun cairrie out its functions wi twa agentries. The functions o the Commission anent the Foyle an Carlingford airts is daen frae the Loughs Agentrie (at, relate tae its functions, taen on the wark o the Foyle Fisheries Commission).

It kythes in the Implement Curns Greeance at the FCILC be the Heid Lighthouse Owreance for the islan Airlan. This function thenou bides wi the Commission o Airis Lights, at haes lines o accountabilitie tae the UK Depairtment Transport bean a Trustee o the General Lighthouse Fund. Brits an Airis legislation will be a-needan for the Curn tae cum the Heid Lighthouse Owreance for the islan Airlan, an thae functions a-takan on frae an Agentrie o the FCILC cryed the Lights Agentrie. At its plenarie forgather 28t Juin 2002, but, the NSMC after thinkan on the provisions for the owregie o functions thenou carried out frae the Commissioners o Airis Lights, kent the complex maitters anent sicna owregie, an speirt at the necessar Ministers an Depairtments, in Norlin

Airlan an the South, for tae think ither weys strecht aff, an bring bak propones tae Council. The maitter is for a-bringan foreairt at the restoration o devolved govrenment in Norlin Airlan.

2.3.3 The FCILC haes a Buird o 12 memmers taen on frae the NSMC at taks on the functions o the Curn anent the Foyle an Carlingford airts wi the Loughs Agentrie. The Buird haes Mr Peter Savage for its Preses, an the Preses Depute the Lord Cooke o Islandreagh. The Heid Executive o the Loughs Agentrie is Mr Derick Anderson. The Memmers o the Buird kythes at Annex 5.

Loughs Agentrie

Functions/Objectives

2.3.4 The FCILC wis gien responsibilitie for the functions o the Foyle Fisheries Commission 2d Decemmer 1999. Thir functions - 'the conserve, fen an impruivment o the fisheries o the Foyle Airt' - wis brocht on for tae comprehend the Carlingford Airt.

2.3.5 Mairatowre, wi the Agentrie, FCILC haes responsibilitie for the forder an oncum o the Lough Foyle an Carlingford Lough for commerce an recreation in the airt o marine fisherie an aquacultur maitters, the oncum o marine tourism, an the oncum an licensein o the aquacultur in the Foyle an Carlingford Airts.

2.3.6 The founs o the Agentrie gan on wi this fou reinge responsibilities is the amendment o primarie legislation at the Foyle Fisheries Commission wirit unner. The necessar amendments tae the laa - the Foyle Fisheries Act 1952 an the Foyle Fisheries Act (Norlin Airlan) 1952 - is a-buskan for the Depairtment Communications, Marine an Natural Graith an the Depairtment Agricultur an Laundart Oncum.

Activities

2.3.7 In the year mair graith wis gien out frae the Sponsor

Depairtments tae the finishin o scrolls o bills for tae chynge the primarie legislation at the Loughs Agentrie o the FCILC daes its wark. The outcum wis a muckle progress. Maist lyke the last scrolls will cum apen in 2005.

2.3.8 An a-speiran at the Sponsor Depairtments, the Agentrie gat aa daen wi the scroll o its Implement Ploy for the regulation an licensein o shellfisheries an aquacultur in the Loughs, an a braid public speirin for a-stairtan earlie in 2005.

2.3.9 2004, the nummers adult saumon cuman bak tae the Foyle Seistem recordit frae the fish counters shawed a smaa drap tae raicent years. Ein wi sic differs no unco, returns 2005 is for a-monitoran nearhaund.

2.3.10 The gunk o a season gaed on a-influencean frae a muckle fish kill, at cam aff August on the Strule River in Omagh, wi mair nor 700 adult saumon killt. The Agentrie, efter speiran at the local anglein interests an fisherie awnars, brocht in an emergencie regulation for the Foyle Airt an Carlingford Airt (Close Season for the Anglein) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 frae bringan fore the beginnin o the close season on the Strule River an its tributaries frae 21t October tae 13t Septemmer.

2.3.11 The investigations o the sindert genetics o the the saumon stocks o the Foyle catchment wis aa daen in the year, an bes unnergan scientific peer review thenou, for a-furthsettan earlie in 2005. The pioneeran wark haes for the first tyme identifeed "DNA mairkars" for the saumon stocks o ilkane o the eleiven unner-catchments an, in twathrie cases, the tributars o ilkane o thae rivers.

2.3.12 The Agentrie wis gien fundin for fouwer projects wi the EU Interreg IIIA Watter Meisur Program:

- Inshore patrol vessel for the Carlingford Lough - This vessel is used frae the Agentrie for fen an survey wark athin the Carlingford Lough;
- Auto-Telemetry Monitorin Buoys for real-tyme monitor o the watters o baith the Lough Foyle an



Carlingford Lough. This project is in partnership with the Environs and Heirship Service, Marine Institute, Department of Agriculture and Food, the Environs Fund Agency will be used early in 2005;

- Codet Wire Tagging & Detection Units at base for a-isean for the 2005 smolt run and for the monitoring of returning adult salmon; and
- Weir and Fish Counter River Strule County Omagh. This project has been brought on along with Omagh District Council and should be completed in mid 2005.

2.3.13 "Riverwatch", the Agencies learn and witness facilities are being set up to grow from strength to strength and, 2004, have its 10,000th visitant to the Centre. Outreach plays the role of "Adopt a Stream", "Alevin Release", and "Hatchery in the Classroom" has brought a much greater interest in the catchments.

2.3.14 An example of the successful events set up for the further recreational fishing in the Foyle and Carlingford areas is:

- The Agencies start-up two-day Angling Shaws;
- Carlingford Sautwatter Fly and Lure Fishing Shaws;
- Juvenile Angling Shaws;
- Airis Weimnfowks Fly Fishing Association Innis Dey; and

- Sautie for Anglers Course.

2.3.15 The Audit and Strategic work on Marine Tourism is being done throughout the year in partnership with Local Councils, the North-West Regional Authority-Mairch Curn, and the East Mairch Region Comatee. Braid speirin is taken on and the last scroll is taken on from the Marine Tourism Unnercomatee of the Buid at the end of the year, and the approved scroll for a-gian in for Buid approval early in 2005.

2.3.16 Further witness on the Loughs Agency is to be found on the Curns website www.loughs-agency.org.

Byordinar EU Programs Curn



INTERREG IIIA Director Jack O'Connor (left) an PEACE II Director Shaun Henry (right) celebrates Europe Dey in St Georges Mercat, Belfast.

Functions/Objectives

2.4.1 1999, the Byordinar EU Programs Curn (SEUPB) taen responsilitie for the 1994-1999 roun o EU Structur Fund Programs, at wis taen on afore frae the Depairtment Finance an Personnel in Norlin Airlan an the Depairtment Finance in the South. The responsibilitie comprehendit the sleekin o thir programs nae later nor 31t Maich 2003. The SEUPB cam the managean owreance for the PEACE II an INTERREG IIIA programs, wi responsibilitie for the monitor an performance o the North/South pairs o the ither Communin Ploy Programs (LEADER+, EQUAL an URBAN II). The SEUPB haes responsibilitie for the monitor an forder o the

implement o wirkin thegither atween the baith pairs o Airlan wi the terms o the Common Chaipther, at bes comprehendit in the National Oncum Ploy (NDP) for Airlan an the Norlin Airlan Structur Funds Ploy.

Activities

2.4.2 2004 seen the ontak o a new Heid Executive tae the SEUPB, Mr Pat Colgan, at taen owre frae the Heid Executive (The Whyle), Ms Nuala Kerr. The new Heid Executive haes a muckle experience wirkan athin the EU an brings a wheen international knowledge tae the curn. Frae the ontak o his post, Pat Colgan, along wi the tither Directors, haes taen a



big role gíean rede tae the Department Finance an the Department Finance an Personnel anent futur EU fundin, comprehendan mair frae PEACE II.

2.4.3 2004 wis an importan year for SEUPB an for baith the INTERREG IIIA an PEACE II programs.

2.4.4 18t Juin 2004, the Europe Council speirt at the Europe Commission (efter a-askan frae the Taoiseach an the Prime Minister) for tae leuk owre gan on wi PEACE II fundin anither twa year tae 2006 for tae cum intae line wi ither Structur Fund programs. A muckle progress wis made 2004. The SEUPB ittssel carriet out a muckle public speirin anent the natur activitie a-needan siller, an the deliver structur for a-uisean, an the program ongan.

2.4.5 Baith programs wis sat sweir finance tairgets 2004; for INTERREG IIIA it wis the first year it wis necessar cuman tae spend obleegements, kent forordinar N+2. It wis necessar for the program spendan €44.5m afore the end 2004, an sae the program gan owre the tairget bi €3m. PEACE II wis a-needan tae cum tae its second N+2 tairget, a figur o €366.4m. This tairget wis daen, an gaed owre bi near €54m. Mairatowre, afore the end 2004, PEACE II haed gien out 97% o program funds.

2.4.6 Afore the end o the year, the INTERREG IIIA program haed helt 15 steeran curn forgaiters, an gien appruival tae 220 projects, cuiveran a divers reinge themes, wi a fou vailye o €145m. An ensample o the heich-profile natur o sic projects is the Athort-Mairch Waste Awaur Media Campaign, comprehendan garden designar Diarmuid Gavin.

2.4.7 2004, the SEUPB gaed on biggan relations wi ither kintras an Managean Owreances, pairticular thaim in the juist-jynt EU kintras. The PEACE II Director gaed tae baith Polan an Hungarie for tae share experience an ken, an ither Directors athin the SEUPB put on studie curns, comprehendan Civil Servants frae Malta, Polan, the Near-East an Latvie.

2.4.8 Septemmer 2004, the SEUPB wis comprehendit in an Apen Deys event in Brussels, bean a pairt o a ploy frae the Comatee o the Regions an the Directorat General for Regional Policie o the Europe Commission. Twa public presentations wis made shawan the impact PEACE II an INTERREG IIIA bes efter haeen in Norlin Airlan an the Airis Mairches. This event put fore the inpit sic programs is efter haeen tae peace an reconciliation at a project level, an cuiveran the problems as cums up for fowk as bides in the Mairches.

2.4.9 Farder wittins anent SEUPB is tae finnd on the Curns wabsteid www.seupb.org.

Language Sector

The North/South Language Curn

Functions/Objectives

2.5.1 The Language Curn is an aefauld curn at reports bak tae the NSMC, but comprehends twa sindert agentries - the Earse Leid Agentrie/Foras na Gaeilge an the Ulster-Scots Agentrie.

2.5.2 The Preses o Foras na Gaeilge an the Preses o the Ulster-Scots Agentrie bes baith Jynt Preses o the Language Curn. The Curn haes a Buird o 24 memmers taen on frae the NSMC. A list o Memmers o the Buird kythes at Annex 5.

The screenshot shows the homepage of gaeilge.ie. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links: Baire | Teagmhail | Logail isteach | Uisge Rionghhriort | Cuardach | Léarsaill an tSúm | Gaeilge | English. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with tabs: An Ghaeilge (The Irish Language), Faghlaim (Learning), Úsáid (Using), Eolais (Directory), and Foras na Gaeilge (Foras na Gaeilge). The main banner features a winter landscape with trees and the text 'do nasc leis an teanga'. Below the banner are five columns of content:

- An Ghaeilge:** Star, Innu, An Ghaeilge.
- Faghlaim:** Béimhacalaist, Bunscolaist & Tar-Bhunscolaist, Tríú Leibhéal, Ranganna & Grúpaí Comhrá i do cheantar, Cúrsaí Gaeilge do Dháicne Fásta, Cúrsaí Páirtéagáin, Aontuinn Múna, NASC.
- Úsáid:** Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla, Na Meán Gheilge, Cúrsaí & Comhluadar, Teaghlach & Páirté, Imeachtaí.
- Eolais:** Eagraíochtaí & Grúpaí Gaeilge, Oideachas, Eagraíochtaí Cultúrtha Gaeilge, Gnó, Ailte, Na Meán Chumarsáide.
- Foras na Gaeilge:** Foras na Gaeilge, Struchtúr, Rannóga, Páirtéagáin, Páirtéagáin.

Below these columns are three sections:

- Nuacht is Déanaí:** Tá sé rialaithe ag an gCúirt Uachtarach go bhfuil fíricheacha siarbháilacha an Bhille Sláinte mBhunreachtúil 17/02/2018.
- Rudal is Déanaí ar Gaeilge.ie:** Cúrsaí Comhrá a thairiscint, Ceardlann, Graifí.
- Cláraigh le Gaeilge.ie:** Fógar na cúrsaí atá ar siúl agat, oir do shuid aonair inár nEolais, i bhfógraí rangaithe NASC agus inár gClár Imeachtaí. Cláraigh anois! Logail isteach.

Foras na Gaeilge

Functions/Objectives

2.5.3 Wi Foras na Gaeilge, the curn haes responsibility for the forder o the Earse leid athort the islan.

2.5.4 Forby takan owre the functions o Bord na Gaeilge, the Agentrie wis gien a braid reinge functions for tae eik effectiveness, an forderan the Earse. For ensample, in the airt o lear, dictionars, an terminologie, hit taen on responsibility for the Terminologie Comatee, an taen owre the functions o An Gúm.

- Owre 3,500 terminological speirins wis haundlet, an a guid 1,450 new terms or terminological phrases gien sanction. Siclyke wis sat furth in the mondlie journal Comhar.

2.5.7 Farder wittins anent Foras na Gaeilge is tae finnd on the Agentries wabsteid www.forasnagaeilge.ie



James Fenton, makar, is the weel-kent 'vyce' o the Ulster-Scots leid at he cryes the 'Hamely Tongue'. He staunds wi Slimiss Tap in the Countie Antrim ahint him, at kythes in a muckle his warks.

Tha Boord o Ulstèr-Scotch

The Ulster-Scots Agentrie

Functions/Objectives

2.5.8 The Ulster-Scots Agentrie haes responsibility for the forder o mair awaur an uiss o the Braid Scotch, an Ulster-Scots cultur daeins, baith athin Norlin Airlan an athort the islan Airlan.

Activities

2.5.9 The Lord Laird o Airtigarvan wis the Preses o the Agentrie tae his resignation 23t Aprile 2004. Mr Jim Devenney, aareddies on the Buid, wis Preses (The Whyte) for the lave o the year. Thar 6 ither memmers on the Buid o the Curn (as kythes at Annex 5), at alang wi the Preses haes responsibility for the functions o the Curn wi the Ulster-Scots Agentrie. The Heid Executive o the Agentrie is Mr George Patton.

2.5.10 The 2004 Business Ploy for the Ulster-Scots Agentrie gaes alang wi its Corporat Ploy 2002-4, an is sat out for tae implement the Agencies Mission Statement "forderan the

studie, conserve, oncum an uiss o the Ulster Scots bean a leevean leid, encouragean an bringan on the fou reinge its cultur, an forderan a forstaundin o the historie o Ulster Scots". For tae dae siclyke, the Agentrie taks advantage o inlets for the forder o the Ulster-Scots leid, cultur an historie.

2.5.11 The Agentrie gaes on wi its focus tae thrie strategic themes:

- Langage Oncum;
- Cultur;
- Lear; an
- Public Forstaundin o Ulster Scots.

2.5.12 The Business Ploy gies a definition o the program o wark at owresats sic themes intae action an pits fore the graith, ettles, services, tairgets, an outcums.

2.5.13 2004, wark gaed on wi the Primarie, Secondar an Adult Langage Project material. Theyear seen the upset o the Ulster- Scots Curriculum Oncum Unit at Stranmillis an the Agentrie gien finance uphauld for thon Units Research Officear.

2.5.14 The Agentrie gaes on wi the implement o its remit anent its grants scheme, at hit gies finance uphauld tae a braid reinge communin curns as engages in Ulster-Scots activities wi. 2004, the Agentrie bid 200 grants tae 133 curns, aa in £664k. The Agentrie gien finance uphauld wi its sponsorship scheme tae the Earns Wing production anaa, an tae the Maiden Citie Shaws.

2.5.15 The production an oncum o the Ulster-Scots newspaper an ongan outgie o blaudies anent fowk an events in Ulster-Scots historie haes haen a positive impact tae the Agentries strategic ploy for the heft o public awaur.

2.5.16 Throu 2004, the Agentrie gaed on giean fundin for the Institute Ulster-Scots Studies at the Vairsitie Ulster, an for the Ulster-Scots Heirship Council.

2.5.17 The Agentrie taen on an Oncum Officear for the wastren counties o Norlin Airlan an the counties Monaghan, Cavan, an Dinnygal 2004. An biddan a walcum tae sicna oncum, we maun gie lown tae thaim as wirks at the Agentrie for tae mak sicar at hit gaes on bringan on its policies, procedurs, an services.

2.5.18 Farder wittins anent the Ulster-Scots Agentrie is tae finnd on the wabsteid www.ulsterscotsagency.com



Inlan Watterweys Sector



Byordinar Olympics Canoe Challenge on the River Bann

Watterweys Airlan

Functions/Objectives

2.6.1 The heid function o Watterweys Airlan is the owreance, uphault, oncum an restoration o paiticular inlan watterwey seistems athort the islan, owreaa for recreation. Watterweys Airlan haes responsibilitie for the navigation seistems as kythes in the paragraph 2.6.2, at wis unner the owreance afore o the Depairtment Communin, Laundart, an Gaeltacht Daeins in the South an the Depairtment Agricultur an Laundart Oncum in the North.

2.6.2 The seistems as kythes abuin wad be - the Shannon-Erne Watterwey, the Erne Seistem, the Graund Canal, the Barrae Navigation, the Nether Bann Navigation, the Royal Canal, an the Shannon Navigation.

2.6.3 Watterweys Airlan haes responsibilitie forby for taken on farder studies an appraisals relate tae the aible restoration o the Ulster Canal.

2.6.4 The Curn wirks in thrie regions - Norlin, Eastren an Wastren.

2.6.5 The Heid Executive o Watterweys Airlan is Mr John Martin.

Activities

2.6.6 Frae a wirkan pynt o view, 2004 wis a gey successfu an eident year wi a wheen projects a-finishan on the 7 navigations unner the owreance o Watterweys Airlan. Mairatowre, plannin an design o projects for 2005 wis avaunced, wi contracts for the biggin o a nummer brigs sat furth, an detailed designs for new muirins an facilities finished. A nummer ensamples o the warks o Watterweys Airlan 2004 kythes ablo:

- On the Nether Bann Navigation, the navigation infrastructur an channel mairkars wis upheld an upgradet;
- On the Erne Seistem, warks begoud wi replacean auld jetties wi new floatan jetties at 5 locations in the Countie Fermanagh costan aroun £615,000;
- Bank fen warks an a new raa for access wis finished in Mullanwary in the Countie Cavan, on the Shannon - Erne watterwey, an warks a-beginnan for tae big a new jetty for lichtin at Lock 4;
- Muckle warks wis finished on the Shannon Navigation. At Ballyleague, in the Countie Roscommon, a €1.5m oncum gien mair floatan muirins for about 32 vessels eikan services for boat uisears the lyke o pouer an watter supplees, an pump out facilities. Muckle oncums wis finished forby at the Scariff Hythe in the County Clare, an oncums at Garrykennedy, Countie Tipperary an Cleighran More, Countie Leitrim a-advancecan or a-beginnan;
- New sicar muirins in the Graund Canal Basin, at Ringsend in Dublin, wis put in an gies berthan facilities for sae monie as 55 vessels. Costan €600,000, it is thocht sic facilities will gie new lyfe tae the watterweys o Dublin; an
- Muckle warks is efter a-finishan on the Royal Canal, an pairt o its rebiggin. Contracts for the biggin o Webbs Brig, Abbeyshrule, an the Bord na Mona Brigs wis gien out efter appriiwal o thair plannin an design.

2.6.7 The Watterweys Airlan Mercatin an Forder Strategie wis sat furth Juin 2004 frae the Minister Eamon Ó Cuiv TD. The Strategie, at represents the end o a twa-year formulation, research an speirin process, recommends a proactive role for Watterweys Airlan wi the ettles o:

- Awaur creation;
- Oncum o a Watterweys Airlan braund;
- Forder o mair uiss o the watterweys;
- Biggan pairtneries wi ither curns; an
- Biggan a platform o upheld mercat oncum.

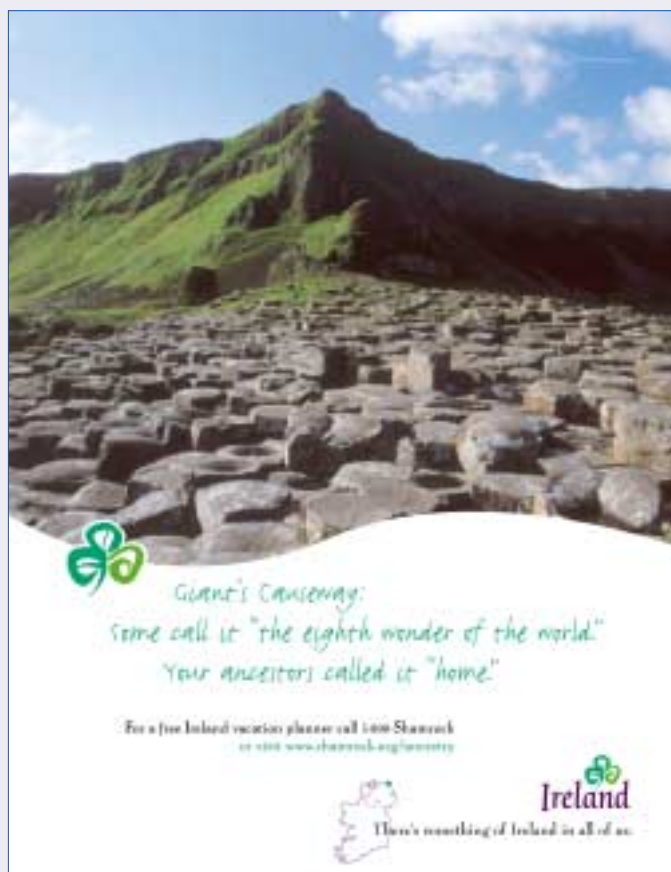
2.6.8 An the official furthsettin o the strategie gan on in Juin, the implement o the differ tactics as kythes in it wis richtlie begoud Januar. For ensample, baseline mercat research intae the profile an activities o watterwey uisears wis taen on in the simmer 2004, a reinge press familiarisation visits wis facilitate on the watterweys, an a program sponsorship o watterwey-relate events begoud, a wittins program wi the furthset o forder materials tae a guid 8,000 uisears o watterweys wis endit, differ trade an consumear shaws attendit, jynt forder activities taen on, a wheen by-publications comprehendan a hospitalitie guide an guid boatin guide wis sat furth.

2.6.9 2004, Watterweys Airlan begoud the implement o its strategie for Enhauenced Customear Service, at amang ither things gars the curn cum tae service excellence, an demaunds at ilka customear be tret wi courtesie an respect. Mairatowre, Codes o Practice wi details for Qualitie Customear Caur an Procedurs for Takan Tent tae Customear Pleens wis brocht on, wi customear trainin for aa wirkars put in 2004.

2.6.10 Farder wittins anent Watterweys Airlan is tae finnd on the Curns wabsteid www.waterwaysireland.org



Tourism Sector



Tourism Ireland

2.7.1 The NSMC in this sector oversees the work of Tourism Ireland, the public owned company with responsibility for marketing in foreign lands the island of Ireland for a tourist destination. The Company has a Board of 12 members, taken on from the NSMC (as set out in Annex 5). The President of the Company is Mr Andrew Coppel, and the President Deputy Ms Ann Riordan. The Chief Executive is Mr Paul O'Toole.

Activities

2.7.2 2004 was a year of changing fortunes for the tourism sector. The total number of visitors to the island was 7.8 million, and the estimate outcome for 2004 7.6 million. Although the unrelenting trends in consumer travel guidebooks as well as yet happened from the worldwide shocks of the years just gone, the likes of the Foot-and-Mouth epidemic, the numerous events of 11th September, the war in Iraq and SARS, showed their effects upon 2004. The consumer was now less likely to have more regular but no so long breaks over traditional holidays, along with the shift to lower-cost air travel from the sea, and from the cities over to being in the country with the overseas look for value and 'special offers' as came to the fore in the year.

2.7.3 For aa that, the islan Airlan daen better anent tourism bys onie o its heid competitor destinations. An a nummer strategic issues anent the futur o tourism tae the islan Airlan a-identifeean 2004, Action Ploys is bean put in for tae big up whaur the islan bes daean weel, an leuk owre issues as cud hae an effect tae the weel hit daes in the futur.

2.7.4 The GB mercat wad be 63% o visitants tae the islan an this will bide sae 2004. The Nor-American an New an Oncuman mercats is for grawan 8% an 22%. Heidlan Europe is for shawan grawth aroun 6%, heidit frae the oncuman starn mercats in Spain an Italie.

2.7.5 The challenge o makan sicar grawth frae the heid mercats wis foreseen in the year. An that sae bean, Tourism Ireland along wi the industrie on the islan Airlan an in the mercats taen on muckle strategic reviews o the GB an Europe mercats for tae pruiw chynges in consumear holydey takin pattrens an needs, an identifee the repones nott.

2.7.6 2004 Norlin Airlan seen record nummers visitants an holydeymakars frae fremit launds. Tourism Ireland is for gan on wi the uphauld o Norlin Airlan for tae cum tae its fou abilitie for biggan tae the success til thenou in the years bygaen. This commitment kythes athort our program o mercatin warks an wi a program pairticular forder daeins taen on for Norlin Airlan, monie along wi the Northern Ireland Tourist Board.

2.7.7 2004 Tourism Ireland gien out €53/£38 million for mercatin o the islan Airlan in fremit launds. Wi the uiss o the mercatin tuils apen tae it, Tourism Irelands 17 fern mercatin offices taen on a braid reign abuin- an ablo-the-line mercatan activities, sae as tae ansuer ilka mercat.

2.7.8 Abuin-the-line activitie comprehendit a worldwide campaign o advertisein, comprehendan television, prent an radio, out-deur an online media; an ablo-the-line activitie comprehendan direct mercatin campaigns, on-the-grund forder daeins tae heid trade an consumears at holydey or byordinar-interest shaws, an familiarisation trips for tour operators frae fremit launds. Thar wis a gey muckle publicitie

campaign an aa, at brocht journalists frae athort the Baa tae the islan Airlan sae as thay cud sample the advantages o a holydey on the islan Airlan for thair ain sels.

2.7.9 Pairticular ensamples o our mercatin activities 2004 comprehends thaim ablo:

- Tourism Ireland GB theyear sat up 350 journalists visits, taen pairt in 54 trade an consumear shaws;
- 2.5 million Mercat beuks (14 outgies in 10 leids), wis sat furth, comprehendan outgies in Chinese an Hebrew for the first tyme;
- 155,677 caas an 154,942 emails wis haundlet frae our Contact Centre;
- 2,000 traivel agents taen pairt in Airlans online lear program in Netherlan, an 5,000 fowk visitan a dedicate Airlan consumear shaw;
- 12,000 fremit consumears in heid mercats wis gien an interview, an our monie research programs ongan;
- Tourism Ireland commissioned the biggest qualitative research program intae the GB mercat ever taen on awnan tae an frae the Airis tourism industrie.

2.7.10 Tourism Ireland went on wi its heid resource focus tae Great Britain, the USA, France an Germanie. Forby core mercatin activities, Tourism Ireland identifeed new segments athin thae mercats, wi the uiss o a new, needs-foundit segmentation ploy.

2.7.11 Efter a competitive process, JWT/Mindshare wis outwaled for tae haundle Tourism Irelands advertisein an mercatin communications needs for the fouwer year stairtan 2006. 2005 thay ar for wirkan wi Tourism Ireland for tae bring on a brand new advertisein an mercatin communications program for tae reflect an repone tae chynges in consumear holydey-takan pattrens an needs.



2.7.12 Our new Nordic head office in Copenhagen was opened from the Minister O'Donoghue in October and our new state-of-the-art Mercator and Technology Uphauld Centre was opened in Cowlrairie.

2.7.13 A new Corporate Plan 2005-7 was published, where Tourism Ireland has set ambitious plans further and is expected at big increase in visitor numbers by 5.1% 2005.

2.7.14 A new e-commerce unit was set up for the making of the island Airline as an online market head turn with a world-class customer-focused website and e-commerce ability.

2.7.15 Tourism Ireland is going on with its work with the airport authorities, carriers and agencies the like of Air Route Development Northern Ireland, and others, for the bringing in of an uphill important new air services to the island Airline. 2004 saw a major widening of air access to the island from Great Britain, mainland Europe and from North America. The Air Access Oncom Market Fund of Tourism Ireland gives cooperative market uphill in our service markets for a while of our new services. A manager was taken on with responsibility for Access Oncom.

2.7.16 Tourism Ireland is going on and will work for the encouraging more visitors to travel with the car ferry. A new Car Tourer brochure was set further in the Great Britain market and this activity is for a bring on in a major way 2005. Research shows that visitors as come to the island Airline with their own cars for ordinary times longer, has a higher level spend, and was more likely for the tour and see more of the destination.

2.7.17 An organisational review was taken on, for the making of Tourism Ireland answer to its role, and move forward into the future.

2.7.18 From forward into 2005, Tourism Ireland is for going on working with the industry for the improving the further of the island Airline tourism product to able consumers with traditional and new online channels.

2.7.19 Further work on Tourism Ireland is to be found on the Companies website www.tourismireland.com

Lear Sector

2.8.1 The aspects o the North/South cooperation anent the Lear as wis greed for stairtan consideration frae the NSMC comprehends lear for bairns wi byordinar needs (the lyke o autism, heirin hinnerance), lear unnerachievement, dominie qualifications, an schuil, youth an dominie niffers.

Activities

North/South Niffer Consortium

2.8.2 2004, the Consortium commissioned 2 muckle bits research for tae wrik out North/South niffer activitie ongan thenou, an for tae identifee gaps an obstacles tae sic provision. Scrolls o research dins wis aa daen afore the year end, wi furthsettin planned for the Spring 2005. A Consortium Managear wis taen on an aa.

Dyslexie Graith

2.8.3 A CD/DVD ROM an video, the lyke o thaim sat furth for parents an dominies anent autism, is efter a-bringan on anent dyslexie, an sat furth tae schuils in the Hairst 2004.

Byordinar Lear Needs (SEN) Athort-Mairch Niffer Program

2.8.4 This Program is for makan lear professionals frae Norlin Airlan an the Mairches aible for takan pairt in niffers anent autism, dyslexie, an youth on the mairgins o societie.

Dominies Superannuation

2.8.5 A jynt North/South Wirkan Curn anent dominies superannuation gaed on wi its consideration, but wi nae farder forum anent the public sector, practical progress haes its bouns.

Dominies Qualifications

2.8.6 Last colloques haes haen a focus tae the need for dominies as muives South studiean for an takan on a written examination anent the historie an structur o the Airis Seistem o Lear. The Registration Council is thinkan on the matter, an the wey foreairt is for a-thinkan on at the neist forgaither o the curn.

Literacie/Numeracie Wirkan Curn

2.8.7 Ongan airts for wirkin thegither comprehends:

- the Department Lear (DE) sharean materials for dominies o mathematics wi Department o Lear an Science (DES) colleagues;
- the ontak o jynt research project anent bairns readin habits;
- the Belfast Lear an Librar Buird gien colleagues in DES a cog o an evaluation o the Enriched Curriculum Pilot Project; an
- DES colleagues wis gien an invite tae pairttakin in an RTU 2004 simmer schuil mathematics course.

EU Peace II Program

2.8.8 Meisur 5.5 o the PEACE II Program, wi a fou allocation o €5 million, is aa gien out, an haean helt up 14 athort-mairch projects.

Pupil Attendance/Retention Wirkan Curn

2.8.9 The thrie heid airts for oncum wark wad be:

- Hame/Schuil/Communin Liaison Scheme (HSCL) - this scheme for tae uphauld parents an pupils in airts whaur thar want o advantage wis brocht on in the South an is nou a-pruiwan in 2 Lear an Librar Buird airts in Norlin Airlan;



- Forder o attendance in primarie schuils - a pack materials for uiss in primarie schuils in the baith stewardries is a-bringan on; an
- Cooperation atween the National Lear Welfare Buird in the South an the Lear Welfare Service in Norlin Airlan anent maitters o mutual interest is for a-explorean an the Buird cuman better sat up.

Middletoun Centre for Autism

2.8.10 Juin 2004, the Middletoun Centre for Autism (Hauldins) Ltd was sat up frae DES an DE for tae purchase the auld St Josephs Adolescent Trainin Centre in Middletoun awnan tae an frae the baith depairtments. The baith ministers mairkit this purchase at the official furthset o the Centre, 14t Septemmer 2004. Ongan consideration is a-giean tae a muckle refurbishment o the biggin an arryngements for the deyandeilie rinnin an organisation structur o the centre.

Agricultur Sector

2.9.1 The aspects o the North/South cooperation anent the Agricultur as wis greed for stairtan consideration frae the NSMC comprehends collogue anent Common Agricultur Policy (CAP) daeins, animal an plaunt halth policie an research, an laundart oncum.

Activities

2.9.2 2004, the Agricultur Depairtments gaed on wi the oncum o an aa-islan Animal Halth an Walfare Strategie. This comprehends the bringin thegither o Animal Halth an Walfare policies North an South, an the oncum o jynt strategies for dealan wi animal diseases. 2004, the Ministers forgaihter, an maikan progress, an speiran at the notions o stakehouldars be taen in, wi an aa-islan Strategie a-bringan on.

- Wark o the nine policie wirkan curns gaes on takan foreairt a wheen ploys. Thenou the heid achievements is the oncum o complementar approaches tae hinneran the incum o animal disease, the oncum o lyke policies anent scrapie, mair coordination an cooperation anent maitters the like o contingencie plannin, blains, an athort-mairch fraud. Ongan wark gaes on anent a braid reinge o ither maitters the lyke o animal identification an traceabilitie, disease owreview, the cumin thegither o disease testin programs, an biosecuritie;
- 2004, twa forgaihters (Juin an Novemmer) o the Depairtment Agricultur an Meat (DAF) / Depairtment Agricultur an Laundart Oncum Plant Halth Liaison Curn cam aff. The heid collogue wis anent the differ plant pest an diseases the lyke o Phytophthora Ramorum (Strecht Aik Deith), Tattie Ring Rot, Fireblight, an Diabrotica (Wastren Corn Rootworm), the extent o thir in the baith stewartries an the arryngements put in for tae bide sicar agin thaim. Thar wis lyke greeance anent the need for nearhaund wirkin thegither in the prevention/owreance/eradication o pairticular diseases / pests, pairticular Strecht Aik Deith an Wastren Corn Rootworm;

- Plant Research wis identifeed for a heid airt for wirkin thegither, for plant halth coordination an owreance on aa-islan founs is gey importan an brings mutual advantage;
- The Liaison Curn greed tae the upset o an unner-curn comprehendan the necessar officials frae DAF an DARD for tae taak owre maitters anent a lyke approach tae Plant Halth Surveys;
- Thar wis a niffer o the DARD Contingencie Ploy for Serious Pest / Plant Halth Happenins an the DAF Emergencie Ploys for Ring Rot an Broun Rot an aa; an
- Liaison gaed aff an aa anent maitters a-dae wi CAP reform an renewable energie.

Steeran Comatee anent Athort-Mairch Laundart Oncum

2.9.3 The Steeran Comatee anent Athort-Mairch Oncum (SCCBRD) comprehendan representars o DARD in Norlin Airlan, the Depairtment Communin, Laundart an Gaeltacht Daeins (DCLGA), Airlan, the NSMC Jynt Secretariat an the Byordinar EU Programs Curn (SEUPB) forgaihter raicentmaist 5t October 2004.

The Comatee leukit owre progress for a reinge athort-mairch an EU meisurs, comprehendan:

- **INTERREG IIIA - LAUNDART PLOY** The Laundart Meisur apened for applications for a tyme o 3 mond in the Hairst 2003, an 18 applications taen in. The Meisurs sud be apen ance mair for applications earlie in 2005;
- **PEACE II - MEISUR 5.6A (Agricultur an Laundart Oncum Cooperation, Athort-Mairch Communin Oncum)** An application frae the North South Laundart Vyce [Rural Communin Network in Norlin Airlan an the Airis Laundart Cleek (Airlan)] wis appruived frae the Steeran Comatee fernyear. Fund in Carrickmacross, Countie Monaghan, the project nou haes wirkars an its pittan throu applications frae



communins in the Mairches for tae wirk in pairtneries for tae impruive communin capacitie an infrastrukturs/capacitie;

- **PEACE II - MEISUR 5.6B (Athort-Mairch Diversification Projects)** This meisur is ettlet at makan sicar athort-mairch an aa-communin reconciliation an social inclusion forby enhauncen the laundart economie wi the oncum o agricultur diversification projects on athort-mairch founs. Thar wis twa successfu applications frae the first caa for applications.

- **LEADER+ Unner Action 2 (Transnational)**, maist lyke aa 12 Norlin Airlan Leader Action Curns (LAGs) is for cumen intae cooperative projects wi lyke curns in Airlan; an
- **ATHORT MAIRCH STUDIES** The Steeran Comatee, an uphauddan its wark, commissioned twa studies 2001 relate tae cooperation atween athort-mairch laundart communins an athort-mairch lear, trainin an research in laundart oncum. Sic wark is ongan.

Environs Sector

2.10.1 The aspects o the North/South cooperation anent the Environs as wis greed for stairtan consideration frae the NSMC comprehends watter qualitie owreance, waste owreance in an athort-mairch context, research intae fen o the environs, environs databases, environs impact o the agricultur, an wittins niffer an environs awaur.

Activities

2.10.2 2004, progress wis upheld takan foreairt the program o wark o the NSMC, at wis gien a mandate afore, on a reinge environs maitters:

- Coordination wark North an South wis ongan 2005, tae the first stages o the implement o the EU Watter Framework Directive (WFD), an pairticular relate tae the oncum o a lyke typologie, monitor an seistems o classification for tae facilitate the report an monitor nott unner the directive;
- Wark begoud August 2004 on a North/South project (N/S SHARE), fordert frae the North South Wirkan Group for Watter Qualitie, ats ettle is biggan up interregional capacite for the monitor an management o the environs, for tae bring on public awaur an pairttakin in watter management maitters, an for tae bring on a nummer river basin management strategies for athort-mairch watters foundit on best practice in river basin management plannin. The estimate cost o the project, at haes uphauld frae the EU INTERREG IIIA program, is €7.5m (£5.1m);
- The Depairtment o the Environs (DoE) in Norlin Airlan an the Depairtment o the Environs, Heirship, an Local Govrenment (DEHLG) in the South helt WFD stakehauldar wittins athort the year. Officials frae the baith pairs o Airlan attendit an taen pairt;
- Wark gaed on wi bringan on an aa-islan strategic approach tae mercat oncum for recycleable material. A new study wis ettlet at determinean the feasibility o the upset o a paper mill on the islan Airlan is efter a-stairtan. Heidit frae the North South Mercat Oncum Steeran Curn, an gien jynt siller frae DoE (wi the Waste Graith Action Program; WRAP) an DEHLG, the studie is for pruiwan the strategic inpit at a new paper mill cud hae tae the deliver o a dynamic an sane recyclet paper mercat;
- An aa-islan contract for the owreance o waste fridges an fridge freezers wis sat furth frae Ministers, Aprile 2004. Frae its incum, a guid 100,000 units is efter a-bringan in athort the islan, an a-awaan for recyclein. 32 local owreances in the South an the 26 Norlin district Councils is takan pairt in the scheme. The service comprehends a gey new seistem o taggin for tae mak sicar at a sicar invoice/audit trail be put in. This aspect is for bean o muckle interest tae the oncum o seistems for the implement o the EU waste Directive anent Waste Electrical an Electronic Graith, at cums in 13t August 2005. Novemmer 2004, the contract wun a muckle awaurd at a UK-braid National Recyclein Awaurds unner the categorie Best Pairtnerie Project for Recyclein; an
- Wark gaed on wi the oncum o inlets for niffer o wittins an gien a heft tae awaur o the environs in airts o lyke interest. The wark comprehends the outgie or revision o a reinge environs literatur, shared uiss o material for shaws, niffer o wirkars, an attendances at network forgaiters for tae facilitate communication an sharein o best practice.



Health Sector

2.11.1 The aspects of the North/South cooperation anent the Environs as wis greed for stairtan consideration frae the NSMC comprehends mishauter an emergencie services, plannin for muckle emergencies, heich technologie graith, cancer research an halth forder.

Activities

2.11.2 Progress wis made anent the designate airts o the halth cooperation agenda 2004.

2.11.3 Unner **Mishauter an Emergencie Services**, consideration yet haes its focus tae the subject o local athort-mairch collaboration cuiveran spitals in the Mairches an braider cooperation, regional an supraregional, cuiveran byordinar services as alane cud wirk, an delivered in an aa-islan wey.

2.11.4 Co-operation and Working Together (CAWT), the athort-mairch halth buird ploy, gaes on wi the owreance o a whenen ploys in thir airts.

2.11.5 Anither jynt ploy cam aff Septemmer whaur the Norwastren Halth Buird an the Wastren Halth an Social Services Buird cooperatet, an facilitatean the innin o an Oral an Maxillo Facial surgerie service, sat up at the Altnagelvin Spital. The ploy facilitates the integrate outgie o a day-case an out-patient service athort the baith halth buird airts.

2.11.6 Anent **Plannin for Muckle Emergencies**, the Halth Depairtments haes commissioned CAWT for tae tak on thrie projects cuiveran the athort-mairch 'First Responder' scheme (CPR an stairt-up First Aid trainin for communins), the upset o emergencie plannin forums (for tae integrate plannin, bring on networks an jynt trainin an coordinate exercises), an the oncum o muckle affcum ploys. Siclyke will rin frae 2004 tae 2006.

2.11.7 A din wis sat furth o a Feasibilitie Studie, commissioned 2002, anent the costs an advantages o an aa-islan Helicopter Emergencie Medical Service (HEMS). The

din decid at the appropriatemaist role for HEMS, aa-islan, wad maist lyke be the quak inter-spital convey o fowk as bes geyn badlie, alang wi medical professionals wi the richt skeels an trainin. The cost o the inpit o ae helicopter for the service wis estimate at €12m strecht aff frae the consultants, wi €4.0m the year wirkan costs nott.

2.11.8 The din haen tentfu consideration frae the baith Halth Depairtments. The baith Depairtments greed at the studie wad hae an important inpit tae the colloque anent the futur oncum o fore-spital emergencie caur, North an South. Meantyme, the strategic forehaund ettle wis the years cuman will be better emergencie ambulance repone tymes tae lyfe-threatenan caas, comprehendan in isolate laundart communins.

2.11.9 Consideration o the oncum o a Raa Traffic Mishauter Mobilisation an Repone Strategie for fire brigades in the Mairches, an ongan oncum a claucht communin fire prevention awaur an lear programs gaed on athort the year.

2.11.10 In the airt o **Heich Technologie Graith**, the ettle is the pruiwin o the economic an treatment advantages, aa-islan, o new an emergean heich technologies for tae win tae the best patient caur aible. Airts identifeed for wirkin thegither in the future comprehends new ploys anent screenin o the population, immunologie, genetics, an the Unique Patient Client Identifier Project.

2.11.11 Anent **Cancer Research**, action gaed on wi the Consortium sat up 1999 for tae gie a haund wi the oncum o cancer services, but pairticular wi the enhauncement o research outpit o the academic communin in Airlan, North an South.

2.11.12 An 2004 mairkan the fift year o the Memorandum o Forstaundin (MoF) at sat up the Consortium, an owreleuk o the MoF wis taen on. The Buird Directors greed Decemmer at the Consortium, comprehendan the National Cancer Institute, USA, an the baith Halth Depairtments North an South wis efter bean gey successfu an recommendit the MoF be taen on for anither fyve year. Political greeance tae siclyke wis put owre frae the Tánaiste/Minister for Halth an

the Minister for Halth, Social Services an Public Saufftie.

2.11.13 Thenou achievements frae the collaboration is a-recordan in the clinical trials, upset o an aa-islan Cancer Network, furthset o aa-islan Cancer statistics, Dins frae the Cancer Registries, in Norlin Airlan an in the South, epidemiological research chielhuids, Scholar an Nursein niffer programs an aa-islan cancer prevention warkshaps.

2.11.14 Halth Promotion is yet a heich proactive airt for jynt cooperation an jynt action. Thrie confeerances went on, comprehendan jynt collaboration an fouwer mair wis on the schedule til Mey 2005. The subject themes for the confeerances wis menfowks halth, warkplace halth an pheisical activitie (obesitie).

2.11.15 Oncum actions gaed on, biggan on the wark o the year afore, anent the themes o pheisical activitie, research, halth forderan spitals, trainin an warkplace halth forder. Thrie mair subjects for jynt wirkin cam tae the agenda 2004 - menfowks halth, breistfeedin, an mental halth forder.



Transport Sector

2.12.1 The aspects of the North/South cooperation anent the Environs as wis greed for stairtan consideration frae the NSMC comprehends strategic plannin an raa/rail sauftie. An cooperation cuman at the stairt frae raa/rail planning, it wad tak tent o daeins cuman frae the airport/port sectors.

Activities

2.12.2 A braid reinge maitters o transport gaed on bean subject o collogue an cooperation atween Ministers an atween heid officials in Norlin Airlan an in the South.

2.12.3 20t Septemmer, John Spellar, Minister at the Norlin Airlan Office wi responsibilitie for transport, forgaithert wi the Airis Minister for Social an Faimlie Daeins, Mary Coughlan TD, for tae hae a collogue owre maitters anent concessionar fares on public transport. Thar differ sic schemes wirkan in the baith stewartries, an officials forgaitheran for tae mak sicar the facilitation o athort-mairch traivel an at carriers be richtlie gien the siller necessar.

2.12.4 In Septemmer an aa, the Staundan Secretar o the Depairtment for Regional Oncum (DRD) in Norlin Airlan forgaithert wi the lyke official frae the Airis Depairtment Transport for tae hae a collogue anent maitters o mutual interest relate tae raas, rail an airports.

2.12.5 The Roads Service o DRD helt regular forgaithers wi lyke officials in the Depairtment o the Environs an Local Government (DOELG) wi an Athort-Mairch Steeran Curn. Collogues comprehendit the muckle warks program in the baith stewartries (comprehendan muckle aefauld projects) an the INSTANT project (Information and Management System for Multi-Modal Transport in Norlin Airlan an Airlan).

2.12.6 Roads Service an Raa Saufte officials frae the Depairtment o the Environs (DoE) helt a series forgaithers throu 2004 wi the Depairtment Transport an NRA anent the inpit o metric speed limits in the Republic Airlan 20t Januar 2005. Thir forgaithers haen thair focus on signage maitters at the border raa crossins an the sauftie implications for raa uisears heidan norlins an sudlins.

2.12.7 A reinge contacts atween DoE an the National Saufte Council gaed on anaa, for tae coordinate jynt raa sauftie campaigns/messages.

2.12.8 DOE an DRD wis representit on the first Steeran Curn forgaithert o the 'Steeran tae Saufte' project o the Cooperation an Wirkin Thegither (CAWT) ploy. The project is upheld frae EU INTERREG IIIA siller an is ettlet at netheran the nummer raa traffic cumin-thegithers an fowk hurtit in thaim in the CAWT airt, i.e. the hail o the laund bouns atween the North an South cuivert frae the Nor-Eastren Halth Buird an North West Halth Buird in the South an the Westren Halth an Social Services Buird an Sudren Halth an Social Services Buird in the North.

2.12.9 Forby forgaithers wi the Airis Mids Mairch Network (ICBAN), siller cam in unner the PEACE II program an the INTERREG IIIA communin ploy for tae cairrie out a nummer pickle raa impruivements in the Mairches in the year juist by.

2.12.10 In the year, officials frae DRD an the Depairtment Transport gaed on wi cooperation wi maitters anent the Citie Derrie Airport, an officials frae the Depairtment Transport haen an inpit tae the steeran curn sat up frae the Secretar o State for Norlin Airlan for tae think on the futur siller nott for the airport.

2.12.11 Heid officials o DRD an the Airis Depairtment Communications, Marine an Natural Graith forgaithert for tae think on maitters anent the outgie o navigational aids in Carlingford Lough an the capacitie in ports on the islan Airlan.

2.12.12 Contact anent rail maitters wis upheld, pairticular anent rail sauftie, the impact o European directives, an athort-mairch warks. DRD put on twa seminars comprehendan Norlin Airlan Railweys, lanrod Éireann, an the Depairtment Transport for tae consider the implications o laa propones a-thinkan on.



North/South Ministerial Council
An Chomhairle Aireachta
Thuaidh/Theas

Annex 1
Decisions taen unner
Procedurs for the Whyle, 2004



Unner the Procedurs for the whyle, the decisions ablo wis taen 2004.

Trade an Business Oncum Sector

- Appruived 17t Juin, the determination o InterTradelreland, anent the remuneration an ither conditions o service an the assimilation arryngements for the Heid Executive;
- Appruived 9t August, (i) the determinations made frae InterTradelreland, an (ii) at the necessar Sponsor Depairtments, the Depairtment Enterprise Trade an Employment an the Depairtment Enterprise, Trade an Investment, cud appruive the determinations o the stait salaries for wirkars taen on frae InterTradelreland furth o the Heid Executive athin a defined framework; an at the Sponsor Depairtments can lea InterTradelreland mak sic determinations wi nae sic appruival, an thaim (the Depairtments) blythe sae daean;
- Mairkit 1t Septemmer, the Yearlie Din an Accounts for InterTradelreland 2003; an
- Appruived 2d Novemmer, the Corporat Ploy 2005-7 for InterTradelreland, mairkit the Outline Business Ploy for 2005, recommendit the househaul outgie for InterTradelreland 2005, comprehendan the inpits frae Norlin an Sudren Airlan, an mairkit the projectit fou budgets for 2006 an 2007.

Meat Sauftie Sector

- Mairkit 30t Mairch, the Yearlie Din o the Meat Sauftie Forder Buird 2002, comprehendan finance statements 2003;
- Appruived 22t Juin, the determination o the Meat Sauftie Forder Buird anent the remuneration an ither conditions o service an the assimilation arryngements for the Heid Executive;
- Appruived 16t July, (i) the determinations made frae the Meat Sauftie Forder Buird, an (ii) at the necessar

Sponsor Depairtments, the Depairtment Halth an Bairs an the Depairtment Halth, Social Services an Public Sauftie, cud appruive the determinations o the stait salaries for wirkars taen on frae the Meat Sauftie Forder Buird furth o the Heid Executive athin a defined framework; an at the Sponsor Depairtments can lea InterTradelreland mak sic determinations wi nae sic appruival, an thaim (the Depairtments) blythe sae daean; an

- Appruived 22d Novemmer, the Corporat Ploy for 2005-7 an Business Ploy 2005, recommendit the househaul outgie for 2005, comprehendan the inpits frae Norlin an Sudren Airlan, an mairkit the projectit fou budgets for 2006 an 2007, an appruived the Business Ploy for 2003.

Aquacultur an Marine Sector

- Appruived 4t Januar, the Business Ploy o the Loughs Agentrie for 2004, recommendit 4t Januar, the househaul outgie for the Loughs Agentrie as kythes in the table for 2004, comprehendan the inpits frae Norlin an Sudren Airlan, an mairkit the projectit fou budgets for 2005-6;
- Appruived 2d Februar, the Corporat Ploy for 2003-5 an the Loughs Agentries Business Ploy for 2003;
- Appruived 13t Februar, the Foyle Airt an Carlingford Airt (Anglein) (Amendment) Regulations 2004, an lat the Jynt Secretars tae the North/South Council Ministers sign an appruive awnan tae an frae thaim;
- Appruived 22t Mairch, the Foyle Airt (Owreance o Draft an Draft Net Fishin) Regulations 2004 an lat the Jynt Secretars tae the North/South Council Ministers sign an appruive awnan tae an frae thaim;
- Appruived 26t Juin, the determination o the Foyle, Carlingford an Airis Lichts Commission anent the remuneration an ither conditions o service an the assimilation arryngements for the Heid Executive;

- Appruived 1t Septemmer, the Foyle Airt an Carlingford Airt (Close Season for the Anglein) (Amendment) Regulations 2004, an lat the Jynt Secretars tae the North/South Council Ministers sign an appruive awnan tae an frae thaim;
- Appruived 20t Decemmer, (i) the determinations made frae the Foyle, Carlingford an Airis Lichts Commission anent the Loughs Agentrie, an (ii) at the necessar Sponsor Depairtments, the Depairtment Communications, Marine an Natural Graith an the Depairtment Agricultur an Laundart Oncum, cud appruive the determinations o the stairt salaries for wirkars taen on frae the Loughs Agentrie furth o the Heid Executive athin a defined framewark; an at the Sponsor Depairtments can lea the Foyle, Carlingford an Airis Lichts Commission mak sic determinations anent the Loughs Agentrie wi nae sic appruival, an thaim (the Depairtments) blythe sae daean;
- Appruived 18t October, the Corporat Ploy o the Loughs Agentrie for 2005 an the Business Ploy for 2005, recommendit 4t Januar, the househauld outgie for the Loughs Agentrie for 2005, comprehendan the inpits frae Norlin an Sudren Airlan, an mairkit the projectit fou budgets for 2006-7; an
- Appruived 17t Decemmer, the Foyle Airt an Carlingford Airt (Licensein o Fishin Engines) (Amendment) Regulations 2004, an lat the Jynt Secretars tae the North/South Council Ministers sign an appruive awnan tae an frae thaim.

Byordinar EU Programs Sector

- Appruived 27t Aprile, the remuneration an ither conditions o service an the assimilation arryngements as bes for appleean tae the Heid Executive o the SEUPB, gan wi whit bes nott in the Implement Curns Greeance, Annex 2, Pairt 7, Para 3.2;
- Greed 16t Juin, at the liefermaist candidate, Mr Pat Colgan, wis tae accept for ontak tae the post o Heid Executive o the Byordinar EU Programs Curn;
- Appruived 5t July, the formal ontak o Mr Pat Colgan as CEO o SEUPB on the terms an conditions as kythes in the contract screed an greed at a scroll o the press release lettan fowk ken o thon ontak be sat furth;
- Appruived 12t October, the INTERREG IIIA Program Complement;
- Appruived 18t October, the SEUPB Business Ploy for 2005 an the Corporat Ploy for 2005-7, recommendit the househauld outgie for SEUPB in the table for 2005, comprehendan the inpits frae Norlin an Sudren Airlan, an mairkit the projectit fou budgets for 2006 an 2007;
- Appruived 25t October, (i) the determinations made frae the Byordinar EU Programs Curn, an (ii) at the necessar Sponsor Depairtments, the Depairtment Finance an the Depairtment Finance an Personnel, cud appruive the determinations o the stairt salaries for wirkars taen on frae InterTradelreland furth o the Heid Executive athin a defined framewark; an at the Sponsor Depairtments can lea the Byordinar EU Programs Curn mak sic determinations wi nae sic appruival, an thaim (the Depairtments) blythe sae daean; an
- Mairkit 29t October, the SEUPB Yearlie Din an Accounts for 2003.



Langage Sector

- Appruived 26t Februar, the Business Ploys for Foras na Gaeilge an the Ulster-Scots Agentrie, gan wi the amounts greed frae the Sponsor Depairtments, recommendit the househauld outgies for the North/South Langage Curn in the table for 2004, comprehendan the inpits frae Norlin an Sudren Airlan, an mairkit the projectit fou budgets for 2005-2006.

Foras na Gaeilge

- Appruived on 4t Novemmer, (i) the determinations made frae the Langage Curn anent Foras na Gaeilge, an (ii) at the necessar Sponsor Depairtments, the Depairtment Communin, Laundart an Gaeltacht Daeins an the Depairtment Culture, the Airts an Bytyme, cud appruive the determinations o the stait salaries for wirkars taen on frae Foras na Gaeilge furth o the Heid Executive athin a defined framework; an at the Sponsor Depairtments can lea the Langage Curn mak sic determinations anent Foras na Gaeilge wi nae sic appruival, an thaim (the Depairtments) blythe sae daean.

Ulster-Scots Agentrie

- Appruived 23t Juin, the post o Youth an Communin Oncum Officear, on a 1-year contract, wi the abilitie for a farder twa year (but nae mair), sae bean thar ongan fundin frae the Airis Youth Foundation, at a gradein an salarie scale lyke tae an EO1 in the Norlin Airlan Civil Service, an appruived at onie farder increases in the futur tae sicna scale be greed frae the Sponsor Depairtments, North an South, wi the appruival o the Finance Depairtments, wi nae farder speirin wi the NSMC;
- Appruived 27t July, the determination o the Curn (Ulster-Scots Agentrie) anent the remuneration an ither conditions o service an the assimilation arryngements for the CEO;

- Greed 6t Septemmer, eikit fundin o £80,000 for tae cum tae outstickan claims as cam frae the Ulster-Scots Agentrie Finance Assistance scheme;
- Appruived 25t October, (i) the determinations made frae the Langage Curn anent the Ulster-Scots Agentrie, an (ii) at the necessar Sponsor Depairtments, the Depairtment Communin, Laundart an Gaeltacht Daeins an the Depairtment Culture, the Airts an Bytyme, cud appruive the determinations o the stait salaries for wirkars taen on frae the Ulster-Scots Agentrie furth o the Heid Executive athin a defined framework; an at the Sponsor Depairtments can lea the Langage Curn mak sic determinations anent the Ulster-Scots Agentrie wi nae sic appruival, an thaim (the Depairtments) blythe sae daean;
- Sae bean it be appruived frae the Finance Ministers anaa, appruived 9t Novemmer, the ontak o the posts o Director o Langage an Lear an Director o Cultur, ilkane at a grade an scale lyke tae a DP in the Norlin Airlan Civil Service; an
- Appruived 16t Decemmer, the Code o Conduct for wirkars in the Ulster-Scots Agentrie.

Inlan Watterweys Sector

- Appruived 20t Januar, the Business Ploy for 2003;
- Mairkit 20t Januar, the Yearlie Din an Accounts for 2001;
- Mairkit 20t Januar, the Yearlie Din an Accounts for 2002;
- Appruived 19t July, (i) the determinations made frae Watterweys Airlan, an (ii) at the necessar Sponsor Depairtments, the Depairtment Communin, Laundart an Gaeltacht Daeins an the Depairtment Culture, the Airts an Bytyme, cud appruive the determinations o the stait salaries for wirkars taen on frae Watterweys Airlan furth o the Heid Executive athin a defined framework; an at the Sponsor Depairtments can lea Watterweys Airlan mak sic determinations wi nae sic appruival, an thaim (the Depairtments) blythe sae daean;

- Appruived 5t Novemmer, the Watterweys Airlan Corporat Ploy for 2005-7 an Business Ploy 2005; recommendit, the househauld outgie for Watterweys Airlan in the table for 2005, comprehendan the inpits frae Norlin an Sudren Airlan, an mairkit the projectit fou budgets for 2006-2007; an
- Greed 10t Novemmer, tae the obleeged buyin o the launds an biggins at the Webbs Brig, Abbeyshrule, Countie Longford.

Tourism Sector

- Appruived 17t Juin, the determination o Tourism Ireland, anent the remuneration an ither conditions o service an the assimilation arryngements for the Heid Executive
- Appruived 17t Juin, the eikit outgie o €2.7m / £1.9m frae the Airis Govrenment tae the mercatin program for 2004, an mairkit at Tourism Ireland is for bringan fore farder mercatin propones for a-thinkan on in the context o the Norlin Airlan budgetar cycle takan tent o the greed 2:1 split in the owreaa South:North inpits tae the companys mercatin program;
- Appruived 16t July, (i) the determinations made frae Tourism Ireland, an (ii) at the necessar Sponsor Depairtments, the Depairtment the Airts, Sports, an Tourism an the Depairtment Enterprise, Trade an Investment, cud appruive the determinations o the stait salaries for wirkars taen on frae Tourism Ireland furth o the Heid Executive athin a defined framewark; an at the Sponsor Depairtments can lea Tourism Ireland mak sic determinations wi nae sic appruival, an thaim (the Depairtments) blythe sae daean;.

- Mairkit 9t Novemmer, the Yearlie Din an Accounts for 2003; an
- Appruived 19t Decemmer, (a) the necessar chynge in the Airticle 39 o the Airticles o Associe, sae ablo: The sentence "the first Board of Directors shall serve for a period of not more than four years" se be chynge for tae read "the first Board of Directors shall serve for a period not exceeding five years"; (b) speirin at the Jynt Secretars for tae gie the written rede tae the Companie Secretar o the greeance tae thon chynge; an (c) extension o the first tyme o ontak o the first Buird o Tourism Ireland Ltd frae fouwer tae fyve year, the decision cuman intae bein whenever the appruived chynge tae the Airticle 39 a-makan



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Annex 2
The Jynt Secretariat





The Jynt Secretariat

Bakgrund

It kythes in the Straund Twa o the Greeance at the North/South Council Ministers wis for a-uphauldan frae a staundan Jynt Secretariat, wi wirkars frae the Norlin Airlan Civil Service an the Airis Civil Service. The Sudron side o the Secretariat wirks unner the aegis o the Depairtment Fern Daeins, an the Norlin side unner the Office of the First Minister an First Minister Depute.

Wirkars

The Memorandum o Forstaundin anent Procedur greed frae the Council at the inaugural Plenarie forgaither in Armagh 13t Decemmer 1999, sat furth the arryngements for, an the functions o, the Jynt Secretariat o the Council. Unner whit kythes in the Memorandum it wis greed at the Secretariat wad be fund in Armagh an heidit frae Jynt Secretars, ane taen on frae ilka administration. Ilka side wis gart nominate a Jynt Secretar Depute an aa, forby ither administration an clerk uphauld wirkars. Officials frae the baith sides o the Secretariat wirks forenent ilkither in shared office biggins in Armagh. Tim O'Connor is the Sudren Jynt Secretar. Peter Smyth is the Norlin Jynt Secretar. The Jynt Secretars Depute is Barbara Jones (South), an Pat Donaghy (North).

Functions

Unner whit kythes in the memorandum, the functions o the Jynt Secretariat comprehends:

- arryngan the schedule o Council forgaithers in differ formats;
- makan sicar political/ministerial greeance aforehaund for agendas o forgaithers o the Council;
- buskan or commissionan screeds for forgaithers o the Council, comprehendan relate tae its wark program;

- writan jynt communiques an records o decisions o the Council;
- communicatean decisions o the Council an monitoran thair implement;
- writan a scroll o the Yearlie Din anent the daeins o the Council;
- wirkan as a channel o communication wi the Implement Curns an facilitatean thair oncum;
- liaisean, whaur necessar wi the designate Depairtment or Office in ilka stewartrie wi the Secretariat o the Brits-Airis Intergovernmental Confeerance, wi the Secretariat o the Brits-Airis Council, an wi the North/South jynt parlamentar forum an independan speirin forum whaniver sat up; an
- cairrie an out whit ither darg the Council bes for.

Forby the functions as kythes abuin, the Jynt Secretariat coordinates the process o the Procedurs for the Whye, as kythes in para 1.10 o this Din, an facilitates the oncum o arryngements athin the North/South curns for tae deliver best practice anent Corporat governance an accountabilitie.

Fundin

Costs for wirkars associate wi the Jynt Secretariat cums frae the parent administrations. Ither costs associate wi the Jynt Secretariat or the Council is einlie divid atween the baith administrations (as kythes at Annex 3).

Annex 3
Finance Wittins



Finance Wittins
1t Januar 2004 - 31t Decemmer 2004

Spendin

Fou spendin for the finance tyme 1t Januar 2004 tae 31t Decemmer 2004 cam tae £1,285,078 / €1,891,860 an a breakdown o the heid airts for spending kythes forenent.

NSMC Jynt Secretariat Spendin -
1t Januar 2004 - 31t Decemmer 2004

Item	£	€
Salaries	952,271	1,401,910
Administration	288,043	424,050
Forgaithers/Confeerances	30,571	45,006
Capital Spendin	14,193	20,894
Aa-in	£1,285,078	€1,891,860

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