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2007, after the restore o the Norlin Airlan Assemblie an Executive, forgaithers o the North South Council o Ministers (NSCM) fortae deal wi practical maiters o lyke benefit staurlit up aince mair.

July 2007, in Armagh, the first North South Council o Ministers Plenarie syne 2002 cam aff. The forgaither brocht thegither the Taoiseach, the First Minister an First Minister depute, an near aa the Ministers in the Executive an the Airis Govrenment for a constructive colloque anent maiters o lyke concern.

Our yeirlie din gies a richt fou account o the important decisions taen at thon forgaither an the follead 13 NSCM forgaithers anaa, as the necessar Ministers haundelt the business in their airts o cooperation at. The focus o aa thir Ministerial forgaithers wis the ontaik o problems whaur jynt action wis nott, dealan wi lyke challenges an daean the monitor o owreleuk o the wark o the jynt fundit North South Curns.

An thar war muckle oncums in aa the airts happt wi the NSCM, a nummer heidins wis waled out in the summarie on blaud 7 o this din. This list sets out the oncum at wis nea dout o pairticular benefit, comprehendan muckle jynt infrastructur investments, near co-operation an fechtan threats the lyke o Fit an Mou Disease an Buetongue, the outset o new athort-mear medical services, an the ontaik o the furth-o-the-laa muivement o athort-mear afpitt. Athort-mear mobilitie gaed oon bean a forehaund maiter for Ministers, as sat oof a new wabsteid (www.borderpeople.info) at gies a heid wittins pynt for fowk as gaes a thort the meir for tae bide, wirk or study.

An uphauldan the wark o Ministers in the NSCM, the Jynt Secretariat in Armagh uphelt the wark o the Review Group anaa, sat up wi Ministers efter the St Andrews Greeance, for tae leuk owre the North South Curns an the Airts o Cooperation. Our wirkars daen nearhaund wark wi the fouwer experts/redars, taen on frae the Executive an the Airis Govrenment, an thaim speiran at the Curns, an thair differan stakehauldars, for tae pit fore a din for the Review Group.

The NSCM Jynt Secretariat went on wi the near colloque wi the monie groups an curns relate tae North South cooperation anaa, comprehendan the athort-mear pairtneries, commontie groups, pairticular in the border airts, the Trades Unions an the CBI/IBEC Jynt Business Council. We war thankrif pairticular for the inlet fortae forgaither wi an hear the views o a braid reinge hamelie

political, business an commontie leadars at events in the North Wast, Enniskillen, Ballymena an Armagh.

The forgaithers o Ministers in the NSCM is cam aff at a nummer airts an pairts, comprehendan commontie an cultur centres, Govrenment Depairtments, an tourist venues. We wad be for thankan aa thaim, as haes daen wark wi the NSCM Jynt Secretariat in the plannin an upset o our forgaithers.

The 2007 Din o the NSCM Jynt Secretariat kythes in a new format at gies braid wittins in the Inglis, Earse an the Ulster Scots anent our daeins in whit we ar howpan bes an open an environs-freenlie road. We wad tak an interest for onie comments frae readers anent this new format, comprehendan nories for futur betterments.

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CHAPTER ANE

SUMMARIE O HEID ONCUM
CHAPTER ONE: Summary of Heid Oncum

BACKGROUND

1.1 This din haps the wark o the North South Council o Ministers (NSCM) in the tyme Januar tae December 2007.

1.2 In the tyme frae Januar tae Mey 2007, decisions anent policies an daeins relate tae the North South Implement Curns an Tourism Ireland Limited wis taen makk an uiss o a mechanism put fore in the Niffer o Notes atween the UK an Airis Govrenments o 19 November 2002. A record o thir decisions kythes on the NSCM wabsteid - www.northsouthministerialcouncil.org.

1.3 Efter the restore o the Norlin Airlan Assemlie in Mey 2007, thar war forteen forgaithers o the NSCM – ane in Plenarie format, twa in Institutional format an eleiven in sectoral format. At thir forgaithers, Ministers taen importan decisions relate tae the wark o the North South Implement Curns an an Tourism Ireland Limited an the ither Airts for Co-operation. This din haps the maiters taen foreairt at thir forgaithers.

1.4 In December 2007 the Council appruived the ontak o new Boards tae the North South Implement Curns an an Tourism Ireland Limited an gien thanks tae the outgan Buird members for thair heid role an takkan on the wark o the Curns.

HEIDINS

1.5 Whit kythes ablo pits fore heid developments in the yeir.

TRANSPORT

• The Council greed steps, comprehendan management structur, an taen tent tae the ontak o consultants for tae tak foreairt wark on the A5 (North Wast Gateway tae Aughnacloy) an A8 (Belfast tae Larne) raa projects.
• Thay speirt at officears for tae pruiw options for the futur oncum o the athort-mear rail cleek atween Dublin an Belfast anaa, comprehendan upbiggit nummer services, betterments tae rowean stock an an oul takkan o a wheen speed leemits.

TOURISM

• Tourism Irelands teuch tairgets wis gien a walcum. Thir comprehendid the upbig o tourism incum growth frae 6.6-75% ilk yeir, visitor growth frae 4.2-5.1% ilk yeir an forderable growth o 14.0 tae 17.2% owre the 3 yeir cumman. Gif fou brocht on, tourism cud bring in up tae €16/£10.8 billion for the islan Airlan in fremmit siller incum owre the three yeir cumman.

INLAN WATTERWEYS

• The Council appruived arryngements put fore frae Watterweys Airlan, comprehendan jynt management arryngements an a tairgetit mercatin program, for tae bring on the restore o the Clones tae Upper Lough Erne section o the Ulster Canal.

AGRICULTUR

• Ministers gien a walcum tae the jynt wark taen for tae deal wi Fit an Mou an Buetongue diseases an earlier outbreaks o Avian Influenza in Britain. Thay greed at thair officears sud bide in near contact anent heid EU CAP maiters. Ministers taen tent tae the jynt oncum o the aa-islan Beece Halth an Walfaur strategie paper an tak fore athort-mear oncum in kintra airts.

LANGAGE

• The glein owre o the functions o Bord na Leabhar Gaeilge tae Foras na Gaeilge wis appruived an the wark at wis efter a-dae an the athort-mear muivements o affpit. Thay taen tent tae an gien an endorse tae a ‘Raa Map’ settan furth a pynt-bi-pynt oncum for

ORDINAR EU PROGRAMS

• The PEACE III an INTERREG IVA Programs wis greed an thair endorse frae the EU Commission wis gien a walcum.

ENVIRONS

• Ministers talkit owre the athort-mear muivements o affpit. Thay taen tent tae an gien an endorse tae a ‘Raa Map’ settan furth a pynt-bi-pynt oncum for
the remuive an dispone o affpit put doun furth o the laa, comprehendand a reinge jynt enforcement daeins ettlet at pittan an end tae futur furth-o-the-laa muivements.

**Aquacultur an Marine**

- Laas wis put fore for tae gie the Loughs Agentrie the powers for tae regulate Aquacultur an Wild Shell fisheries in baith the Foyle an Cailrinford airts. Regulations, as sud hae a braw impact tae the conserve an fen o saumon stocks in the airt o the River Finn, wis appruived, an the implement o a Marine Tourism Oncum Strategie forby.

**Leir**

- The Council buid officears bring fore propose anent leir unner-owrepit an gien a walcum tae the muckle wark taen on anent the upset o a Centre o Excellence for Autism at Middletoun an talkit owre propose for a jynt Autistic Spectrum Disorder Confeerance in 2008.

**Halth**

- Plannin for muckle emergencies, pandemic flu haundlin an heich technologie wis heid maiters taen fore in the yir. The Council leikut owre co-operation anent mishanter an emergencie services comprehendand wark takkan on pilot projects on athort-mear furth-o-hours GP services. Measures wis implementit for the gie cancer patients frae the Countie Dinnygal radiotherapie treatment at the Belfast City Spital. The Council gien a walcum tae cooperation anent the gie cancer patients frae the Countie Dinnygal radiotherapie treatment at the Belfast City Spital.

**Meat Saufftie Forder Buirid**

- Ministers gien a walcum tae the braid reinge forder activities taen on frae safetfood an the upheauld hit hae gien the meat laboratorie sector. They taen tent tae a propose frae the Meat Saufftie Forder Buirid anent Enteric Reference Services.

**Trade an Business Oncum**

- InterTradeIreland (ITI) gaed on wi the forder o trade an business oncum on the islan Airlan an in the futur will mak a taiget o the heid airts o competitive advantage - science, technologie an innovation, sales an mercatin, enterprise abilitie oncum, an business networks. ITI will hae tae mak a balance atween the grawan caa for programs the lyke o Innov, Fusion, Acumen an Equity Network wi upcumman inlets in the new airts o wark at hit is leukan owre, the lyke o Design an the Environs.

1.6 St Andrews Greeance Review

The Owreleuk o the North South Implement Curns an Airts for Co-operation, as sat furth in the St Andrews Greeance, wis taen on in the yir. The Council taen on an Owreleuk Group for tae tak foreairt this wark an a panel o rede o twa members taen on frae the Norlin Airlan Executive an twa frae the Airis Govrenment. Details o the owreleuk wis sat furth on the NSCM wabsteid an gin the end o the yir 29 repones wis taen in for a-thinkan on frae the Review Group. Forby, the panel o rede forgaithert separit wi ilkane o the North South Implement Curns an Tourism Ireland Limited, thair sponsor depairtments an the Curns; heid stakehauldars.

1.7 Mobilitie Maiters

Mobilitie Maiters gaed on bean an importan pairt o the wark o NSCM in the yir. In October 2007, the Council made the launch o the Athort-mear Mobilitie Wabsteid (www.borderpeople.info) at gies a heid access pynt for wittins anent a reinge maiters for fowk as bes for flittan owre the mear for tae bide, wirk an study. The Council greed anaa at the NSCM Jynt Secretariat sud convene twa wirkan groups – ane for tae explore options for gan foresairt anent the owregie o pension richts on athort-mear founs, an the tither for tae pruiw athort-mear bankin maiters, comprehendand transaction chaiirges.

1.8 NSCM Jynt Secretariat

The NSCM Jynt Secretariat at bides in Armagh gies uphauld tae the wark o Ministers in the Council (see Annex Ane). In the yir, Ministers taen on a din anent progress anent takkan on staundan accommodation for the Jynt Secretariat an greed at officears sud tak foreairt the necessar administrative procedures for the outgie o a new leased bide for the Jynt Secretariat in Armagh.
CHAPTER TWA: NSCM Plenarie Forgaither

2.1 The Council forgaither in Plenarie Format in Armagh on 17 July. The Norlin Airlan Executive delegation wis heidit frae the First Minister, The Rt Hon Dr Ian Paisley MP MLA an First Minister depute, Martin McGuinness MP MLA as wis jynt Preses for the forgaither. The Airis Govrenment delegation wis heidit frae the Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern TD.

2.2 At the forgaither Ministers kent the meanin o the tide. Thay gien a walcum tae the inlet fortæ forgaither fortæ speir, fortæ gie a forder tae lyke beneficial co-operation, an tak a nummer decisions anent a reinge maiters athin the Councils wark program. Thir compreprehendit:

**Athort-mear Co-operation anent the Raas** - the Council taen tent the Airis Govrenments ettle at makkan an inpit o £400m/€580m for tae help wi the siller nott for muckle raa programs giean dual carriageway staundart on routes athin Norlin Airlan winnan tae the North Wast Gateway an on the easen seabuid througang frae Belfast tae Larne. The Norlin Airlan Executive put fore its confirm, in principle, tae the takkin foreairt o balth thir muckle raa projects. It wis greed at the raa project frae Belfast tae Larne wad be taen foreairt frae the Norlin Airlan Executive an its agentries an at the route for the North Wast Gateway wad be taen foreairt gan wi siller an accountabilitie, plannin, management an deliverie arryngements greed atween the Airis Govrenment an the Norlin Airlan Executive. Necessar Ministers greed tae the necessar steps for tae tak fore this project, compreprehendan the earlie stairit o a route througang study. Farder detail anent athort-mear Raas co-operation kythes in section 4.12 o this din.

**Restore o the Clones-Upper Lough Erne Section o the Ulster Canal** - the Council greed tae gae on wi the restore o thon section o the Ulster Canal wi the Airis Govrenments bid for tae hap the fou capital siller nott for the project. It wis greed anaa at Watterways Airlan wad tak responsibilitie for the restore o thon section o the Canal an, efter restore, for its management upheuld an oncum wi forehaund uiss for recreation ettles. It wis greed anaa at Ministers forgaither in the Inlan Watterways Sector wil gree ploys fortæ tak foreairt the restore wark an will pit fore a din anent progress tae...
NSCM Plenarie forgaithers. The restore o the Ulster Canal is taen tent tae in section 4.5 o this din.

**Wark o the North South Council o Ministers** - the Council taen in a din frae the Jynt Secretars anent the wark o the NSCM syne 2002, taen tent at the wark o the North South Implement Curns an Tourism Ireland haed gaen on, an alloud hit wis thankrif tae the Buirds an the wirkers for their inpit. The Council taen tent tae the lyke beneficial co-operation taen foreairt atween Ministers an Depairtments in the Airts for Co-operation anaa.

**The St Andrews Greeance Owreleuk** - the Council greed tae tak foreairt the owreleuk o the North South Implement Curns an Airts for Co-operation, as sat furth in the St Andrews Greeance. The terms o reference o the Review Group comprehends a pruiw frae outby o the efficiency an vailyie for siller o the Implement Curns thenou farby the case for mair Curns an Airts o Co-operation whaur lyke benefit wad be taen in. The Review Group haes an inpit intae the wark tae the identification o an answerable substitute for the proponed Lichts Agentrie o the Foyle, Cairlnford an Airis Lichts Commission an will set furth its outcums tae the NSCM in 2008. The Review Group is made up o heid officears an a panel o reith comprehendan twa members taen on frae the Norlin Airlan Executive an twa frae the Airis Govrenment. The experts/redars taen on frae the Norlin Airlan Executive is Peter King an Seán Oliver. Thaim taen on frae the Airis Govrenment is Eoin O’Shea an John Hynes.

Details o the Review wis sat furth on the NSCM wabsteid, speirin for written comments frae interestit bodies/curns. Gin the end o December 2007, 29 respones wis taen in for a-thinkin on frae the Review Group.

Forby, the panel o reith forgaithered separit wi ilkane o the North South Implement Curns an Tourism Ireland Limited, thair Sponsor Depairtments, an the Curns heid stakheudlars in 2007. Owreaa, the redars helt 23 forgaithers in 2007 as haen a focus tae the vailyie for siller an effectiveness o the Curns thenou. Gin the end o 2007 the Review Group wis begoud wi the thinkin on a stairst-up din o thir forgaithers forby ither pairts o the Review exercise.

**Undependan North South Speirin Forum** - the Council taen tent at the Airis Govrenment wad speir at the social pairtners on the North South Speirin Forum. Hit taen tent tae the owreleuk o arnygement for speiran at civic societie in Norlin Airlan anaa, an greed fortue gie thocht tae this maiter, an the owreleuk aa daen.

**North South Pairlamentar Forum** - the Council taen tent tae whit kythes in the St Andrews Greeance relate tae the North South Pairlamentar Forum. Hit kent at onie oncum o a jynt pairlamentar forum bes a maiter for the Norlin Airlan Assemlie an the Oireachtas. It wis greed at officears frae the bairth administrations wad mak contact wi the Norlin Airlan Assemlie an the Housen o the Oireachtas an pit a din back tae the NSCM at the first inlet anent the prospects for the oncum o sicna forum.

**Plannin fur futur NSCM Forgaithers** - the Council gien thocht tae an gien appruive tae a schedule o NSCM forgaithers.
3.1 The Council forgaithert twyce in Institutional format in 2007 - in Dundalk on 30 October an in Belfast on 17 December. Ministers made a nummer decisions anent institutional an aa-sectoral maiters. Thir comprehendit:

**Obstacles tae Atheta-mort mortar Mobilite**
- The Council taen tent tae progress anent the implement o the recommends as kythes in the Study o Obstacles tae Mobilite commissioned frae the NSCM, comprehendan: progress anent the lyke ken o qualifications, comprehendan in the leir an halth airts; the inpit o aefauld tariffs frae a wheen mobile phone operators; an mair availabilitie o public service wittins for fowk as bes for gan ahtort the meir forttae bide, wirk an study.
- Ministers made the launch anaa o the Atheta-mort mortar Mobilite Wabsteid (www.borderpeople.info) at gies a heid access pynt for wittins on a reinge maiters for fowk as bes for flittan ahtort the meir for tae bide, wirk an study.
- The Council greed at the NSCM Jynt Secretariat sud convene twa wirkan groups as will pit dins back tae a futur NSCM forgaither – ane forttae leuk owre options for gan foreairt anent the owregie o pension richts on ahtort-mort founs, an the tither for tae pruiw ahtort-mort bankin maiters, comprehendan transaction chariges.

**New Bide for the NSCM Jynt Secretariat**
- The Council taen tent tae the progress in the ontak o a staundan bide for the NSCM Jynt Secretariat in Armagh an greed at efter pruiwin o the tenders as cam throu the first pairt bes aa daen, efter the richt internal processes in ilk administration, officears sud gae intae contract haundlins wi the liefer biddar for tae gie a leased bide an pit fore a din o progress tae a futur NSCM forgaither.

**Manlie Resources Maiters in the North South Implement Curns an Tourism Ireland Limited**
- The Council gien thocht tae sic maiters lyke the regrade o posts an pey maiters brocht up in a paper sat furth frae the Heid Executive Officers (CEOs) o the Curns. Hit greed at officears frae the Department o Finance an the Department o Finance an Personnel will gie rede tae thair Ministers o the maiters an gie thocht tae the CEO

First Minister depute, Martin McGuinness, MP MLA, First Minister, Rt Hon Dr Ian Paisley, MP MLA an Dermot Ahern TD, Minister for Foreign Daeins maks the launch o the Atheta-mort Mortar Mobilite Wabsteid www.borderpeople.info at the NSCM Institutional forgaither on 30 October.
Pey Paper thegither wi the wittins forenent it gien frae the Curns, in the context o necessar national pey policies. Outcums will be sat furth in a din tae a futur NSCM forgaither.

**Buirds o the North South Implement Curns an Tourism Ireland Limited**

- The Council appruived the ontak o members o the Management Buirds tae the Trade an Business Oncum Curn (InterTradeIreland), the North South Langage Curn (Foras na Gaeilge an the Ulster-Scots Agentrie), the Foyle Cairlinford an Airis Lichts Commission, Tourism Ireland Limited an the Buird o Rede tae the Meat Sauftie Forder Buird, comprehendan Preses an Preses Depute. Hit gien thanks tae the outgan Buird members an kent the heid role thay played in bringan on the North South Curns an Tourism Ireland Limited. The Council gien thanks tae the new Buird members anent thair ontak an buid thaim weel for thair wark. Details o the members o the Boards kythes in Annex Twa o this din.

**Ministerial Attendance**

- At the October forgaither the Norlin Airlan Executive wis gien represent frae the First Minister, the Rt Hon Dr Ian Paisley MP MLA an the First Minister depute, Martin McGuinness MP MLA, Junior Minister Ian Paisley MLA an Minister for Leir, Caitríona Ruane MLA. At the December forgaither the Norlin Airlan Executive wis gien represent frae the First Minister depute, Martin McGuinness MP MLA, Junior Minister Ian Paisley MLA an Junior Minister Gerry Kelly MLA. The Airis Govrenment wis gien represent at the baith forgaithers frae Dermot Ahern TD, Minister for Fremmit Daeins.
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This chapter gies a summarie o NSCM forgaithers in sectoral format atween September an December 2007. The Jynt Communiques frae thir forgaithers kythes at www.northsouthministerialcouncil.org.

Atween Januar 2007 an the restore o the political institutions in Norlin Airlan in Mey, decisions anent policies an actions a-dae wi the North South Implement Curns an Tourism Ireland Limited wis taen makk an uiss o a mechanism at kythes in the Niffer o Notes atween the United Kingdom an Airis Govrenments o 19 November 2002. Thir decisions kythes at www.northsouthministerialcouncil.org.

Backgrund wittins anent ilkane o the North South Curns kythes on the Curns wabsteids.
Meat Saftie

Carr - Bertie Kerr Umwhyle Preses o the Meat Saftie Forder Buird.
Richt - John Dardis Preses thenou an Heid Executive Martin Higgins.

Meat Saftie Forder Buird

Background

4.1.1 The Meat Saftie Forder Buird (MSFB) haes the forehaund ettle o the forder o meat saftie, an uphauldan scientific wirkin thegither atween institutions wirkan in thon airt. Hit haes a Buird o Rede o 12 members, taen on frae the NSCM. Gan frae 13 December 2007 Mr John Dardis an Mr Campbell Tweedie wis taen on tae the positions o Preses an Preses Depute o the Buird. Thay cam efter Mr Bertie Kerr an Professor Charlie Daly. The Buird members thenou kythes in Annex Twa. The Heid Executive o the MSFB is Mr Martin Higgins.

NSCM Forgaither

4.1.2 A NSCM forgaither wis helt in Dublin on 28 November. The Airis Govrenment wis gien represent frae Mary Harney TD, Minister for Halth an Bairns. The Norlin Airlan Executive wis gien represent frae Michael McGimpsey MLA, Minister for Halth, Social Services an Public Saftie an Michelle Gildernew MP MLA Minister o Agricultur an Kintra Oncum.

4.1.3 At the forgaither, relate tae Meat Saftie, Ministers:
• taen in an talkit owre a progress din anent the activities o safefood frae 2002 tae 2007. This din wis sat furth frae the Heid Executive, Martin Higgins an the MSFB Preses Bertie Kerr. Ministers gien thanks for the wark daen frae Mr Kerr in his term as Preses;
• taen tent tae the futur ploys for safefood for the tyme 2008-2010. Thir comprehends:-
  i. rowean out fyve muckle consumar wittins campaigns;
  ii. the deliverie o a jynt-up oncum tae the meat saftie an the halthie eatin; an
  iii. the upset o a collaborative forum for tae wirk agin the obesitie;
• appruved the safefood Corporate Ploy for the tyme 2008-2010 an Business Ploy for 2008 sae bean the Finance Depairtments grees tae it an hit gaes wi the househauld o the Executive an the Airis Govrenment;
• taen tent tae the Curns Yeirlie Din an Accounts for 2006; an
• taen tent tae a propone paper frae safefood anent the outgie o mair anserable an easie open Enteric Reference Services for the islan Airlan an at, efter a-thinkan on the propones in the paper wi an external facilitator an technical expert, an wi the baith sponsor Depairtments, a din will be brocht tae a futur forgaither o the NSCM.
Aquaculturr an Marine

4.2.1 The NSCM forgaithers anent Aquaculture an Marine maiters fortae tak decisions anent policies an daeins for implement frae the Foyle, Cairlinford an Airis Lichts Commission (FCALC). The FCALC haes a Buird o 12 members taen on frae the NSCM at cairries out the functions o the Curn relate tae the Foyle an Cairlinford airts throu the Loughs Agentrie. Gan frae 13 December 2007 Mr Tarlach O Crosain an Ms Jacqui McConville wis taen on tae the positions o Preses an Preses Depute o the Buird. Til then Mr Peter Savage wis the Preses. The Buird members thenou kythes in Annex Twa. The Heid Executive o the Loughs Agentrie is Mr Derick Anderson.

4.2.2 A NSCM forgaither wis helt in the Loughs Agentrie Heidbiggins in Prehen on 21 November. The Norlin Airlan Executive wis gien represent frae Michelle Gildernew MP MLA, Minister o Agricultur an Kintra Oncum an Junior Minister Ian Paisley MLA. The Airis Govrenment wis gien represent frae Eamon Ryan TD, Minister for Communications, Energie an Naitural Graith.

4.2.3 At the forgaither Ministers:
- taen tent tae progress made syne the last forgaither in Apryle 2002 an gien a walcum tae the inlet for cumman thegither fortae talk owre co-operation in the aquacultur an marine sector. Ministers gien a walcum tae the passin o laas in the baith stewartries in 2007 at gien the Loughs Agentrie the pouers tae the regulate o aquacultur an wild shellfisheries in baith the Foyle an Cairlinford airts. Thay gien a walcum tae the inpit o a haurdship package anaa, fortae gie a meisur easement tae thaim a-dae wi the end o the commercial drift or draft net saumon fishin in the Foyle airt;
- taen tent tae the futur ploys in the Aquacultur an Marine Sector for the tyme 2008-2010 comprendan:
  - daeins fortae uphold the sustainabilitie o fisheries in baith the Cairlinford an Foyle catchments;
  - the inpit o a regulator an licensin regime for aquacultur in the Foyle an Cairlinford Airts;
  - the betterment o the anglin licensin seistem; an
  - bringin foreairt o a Marine Tourism Oncum Strategie
• approved the Loughs Agentries Corporate Ploy for the tyme 2008-2010; an a Business Ploy for 2008 sae bean hit gaes wi the househauuld o the Executive an the Airis Govrenment. Thay taen tent at the St Andrews Greeance Owreleuk is nou organ an at the Agentries futur ploys cud be needan a-thinkan on wi the outcum o this Owreleuk;

• approved the implement o the Loughs Agentries Marine Tourism Oncum Strategie for the tyme 2008 tae 2013, sae bean siller is open unner the EU program for Athort-mear Territorial Co-operation. This Strategie will wirk throu pairtneries wi State authorities an private curns, giean uphauld for projects, bringan on access infrastructur, project oncum, skeels leir, mercatin, an communications activities;

• approved the Loughs Agentries Finance Assistance Policie fortae owressee the wey grant aid will be administert in the uphauld o anglin oncum, conserve an fen o fisheries, marine tourism an aquacultur;

• taen tent tae the Loughs Agentries Yeirlie Din an Finance Statements for 2006;

• approved the Loughs Agentries proponed coffin o a monitor vessel sae bean siller is open unner the EU Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance (FIFG); an

• approved the Foyle Area and Carlingford Area (Angling) (Amendment No 2) Regulations 2007 at hae a richt impact on the conserve an fen o saumon stocks in an airt o the River Finn an taen tent tae the Regulations thenou a-bringan on fortae impruive the owreance o saumon an coarse anglin an for the licensin an oncum o aquacultur.
CHAPTER FOUR: NSCM Sectoral Foraithers

Byordinar EU Programs

BYORDINAR EU PROGRAMS CURN (BEUPC)

BACKGROUND

4.3.1 The mission o the BEUPC is the oncum o co-operation, understandin an daeins atween fowk an curns in Airlan an Norlin Airlan throu speirin an the implement o EU social, economic, reconciliation an cultur programs. The Heid Executive o the BEUPC is Mr Pat Colgan.

4.3.2 The BEUPC is the Managin Owreance for the EU Program for Peace an Reconcile (PEACE II) an the INTERREG IIIA Program anaa. Hit haes responsibilitie forby for the monitir an foder o the Common Chapter, the strategic framework for athort-mear co-operation athort a braid reinge sectors greed atween the baith Govrenments. The Curn haes responsibilitie forby for the North South pairts o the Commontie Initiatives URBAN II, LEADER + an EQUAL in Airlan an Norlin Airlan. Farder details kythes at www.seupb.org.

NSCM FORGAITHER

4.3.3 A NSCM forgaither wis helt in Dublin on 7 November. The Airis Govrenment wis gien represent frae Mr Brian Cowen TD, Tánaiste an Minister for Finance. The Norlin Airlan Executive wis gien represent frae the Rt Hon Peter Robinson MP MLA, Minister for Finance an Personnel an Ms Margaret Ritchie MLA, Minister for Social Oncum.

4.3.4 At the forgaither Ministers:

- taen in a din frae the Heid Executive o the BEUPC anent whit wis a-dae syne the Council last forgaithert in this sector on 9 October 2002, comprehendan the successfu sneekin o the PEACE I Program an the owrepit o yeirlie siller outgie tairgets wi the PEACE II an INTERREG IIIA Programs;
- gien a walcum tae the ontak frae the European Commission o the Peace III an the Norlin Airlan/Airlan/Scotland Athort-mear Co-operation Program (INTERREG IVA). Comprehendan lyke siller outgie frae the Airis Govrenment an the Norlin Airlan Executive, a total o €589m will cum open throu thir Programs for inpit for tae help big a peaceful, stable societie in Norlin Airlan an the upset o a poustier athort-mear airt;
- gien a walcum tae the focus o the new PEACE Program anent (i) Reconcilin Commonties an (ii) Pittin in tae a Shared Societie. Ministers taen tent at the PEACE III Program haes European Regional Oncum Siller (ERDF) siller o €225 million an will tak in siller unner the EUs Territorial Co-operation.
Objective. Comprehend an lyke siller frae the Airis Govrenment an the Norlin Airlan Executive, the PEACE III Program will hae a wirth o near €333 million;

- gien a walcum tae the focus o the new athort-mear INTERREG IVA Program anent (i) Co-operation for a poustier Mairiches airt (ii) Co-operation for a sustainable Mairiches airt. Ministers gien a walcum anaa tae the inpit o Wastren Scotland in the Norlin Airlan/Airlan athort-mear Program an leukit foreairt tae the wark wi Scots colleagues in this Program. Comprehend an lyke siller frae the Airis Govrenment an the Norlin Airlan Executive, the new Program will hae an owreaa househauld o €256 million gan wi INTERREG IIIAs househauld o €183 million;

- taen tent at the UK haes put in €139 million o its share o Athort-mear European Regional Oncum Siller (ERDF) tae the Norlin Airlan/Airlan/Scotland Program an at Airlan haes put in €53 million; an

- appruved the BEUPC Corporate Ploy 2008 tae 2010 an Business Ploy for 2008 sae bean hit gaes wi the househauld o the Norlin Airlan Executive an the Airis Govrenment.
CHAPIER FOUWER: NSCM Sectoral Forgaithers

Langage

The North South Language Curn (An Foras Teanga)

Background

4.4.1 The Language Curn haes in it twa separit agentries – The Earse Leid Agentrie/Foras na Gaeilge, an the Ulster-Scots Agentrie. The Preses o Foras na Gaeilge, an the Preses o the Ulster-Scots Agentrie, bes jynt Preses o the Language Curn. Gan frae 13 December 2007 Mr Liam Ó Maoilmhíchil wis taen on Preses o Foras na Gaeilge, cumman efter Mrs Maighréad Uí Mháirtín. Thar 15 ither members on the Buird. Thir kythes in Annex Twa. Mr Ferdie Mac an Fhailigh is the Heid Executive. Mr Mark Thompson is the Preses o the Ulster-Scots Agentrie. Thar 7 ither members on the Agentries Buird. Thir kythes in Annex Twa. Mr George Patton is the Heid Executive.

NSCM Forgaither

4.4.2 A NSCM forgaither wis helt in Newrie on 26 October. The Norlin Airlan Executive wis gien represent frae Edwin Poots MLA, Minister o Cultur, the Airts an Leisur an Caitríona Ruane MLA, Minister for Leir. The Airis Govrenment wis gien represent frae Éamon Ó Cuív TD, Minister for Commonth, Kintra an Gaeltacht Daëins.

4.4.3 At the forgaither Ministers:

- taen in an talkit owre a din anent the activities o the Language Curn frae 2002 tae 2007. The din wis put fore frae the Heid Executives o Foras na Gaeilge an the Ulster-Scots Agentrie an haen Its focus tae the jynt wark taen on frae the baith Agentries anent a nummer projects comprehendan jynt siller for the posts o “Airts Oncum Officear for Langage Airts” (wi the Airts Council o Norlin Airlan) an Cultur
Officear in Altnaveigh House Cultur Societie in Newrie. Forby, the Agentries begoud a jynt lectur series anent “Our Shared Heirship” at wis made open tae a wheen sindert curns;

- gien a walcum tae the successfu inpit o the first ever Ulster-Scots simmer schuils in 2006 an taen tent at the Youth Oncum Officear, wi siller frae the Airis Youth Foundation in 2006, made the Agentrie aible for wirkan wi young fowk in inner city airts. In Leir, the Agentrie commissioned a schuils drama wi 120 primarie schuils takkan in the production in 2007. Forby, the Agentrie stairtit Ulster-Scots efter-schuil clubs in a nummer airts an pairts;

- talkit owre the Ulster-Scots Agentries commontie programs an taen pairticular tent the muckle progress in the music, the dance an the drama an the wark wi young fowk. Thay taen tent at the Agentrie will set up a new Oncum Grant scheme anaa, wi its begin in Februar 2008;

- kennan the gey positive reception gien tae Ulster-Scots langage, heirship an cultur at the Smithsonian Festival in Washington in 2007 an the planned activities associate wi the 400th yeirdey o the Plantation o Ulster, gien an invite tae the Agentrie tae bring foreairt a propone for a program fortae bring on cleeks an cultur niffers wi Ulster-Scots commonties in Scotlan an North Americae;

- gien a walcum tae a din anent the wark o Foras na Gaeilge, pairticular in the eGovernmen airt wi the oncum o an online database o terminologie – www.focal.ie, the launch (wi Microsoft) o an Earse Leid version o Windows XP an the oncum o Córas Creidiúnaithé/an Accreditation Scheme for Earse Leid translators. A successfu three-yeir hamelie commontie uphauld scheme at gien siller tae 20 groups ahtoth the islan Airlan wis put on tae 2010. The success o the scheme haes lat the Foras tak the scheme on tae post-primarie leeval; an

- appruved the propone tae gie owre the functions o Bord na Leabhar Gaeilge tae Foras na Gaeilge, frae 1 Januar 2008. Bord na Leabhar Gaeilge (the Earse Leid Beuks Buird) wis sat up in 1952 as a no-statutor state curr an hit is ettlet at giean writars an furthsettars a haund wi suppleean Earse Leid material for fowk owreaa.
Inlan Watterweys

WATTERWEYS AIRLAN

**BACKGROUND**

4.5.1 Watterweys Airlan haes responsibilitie for the management, uphauld, oncum an restore o the inlan navigable watterwey seistems aroond the islan, wi the heid ettle o recreation. Thenou hit haes responsibilitie for thir watterweys: Barrae Navigation, Erne Seistem, Grand Canal, Nether Bann Navigation, Royal Canal, Shannon-Erne Watterwey an Shannon Navigation cumman tae aroun 1,000km o navigable watterweys. Watterweys Airlan haes responsibilitie forby for the restore o the section o the Ulster Canal atween Clones an Upper Lough Erne an, efter restore, for its management, uphauld an oncum. The Heid Executive o Watterweys Airlan is Mr John Martin.

**NSCM FORGAITHER**

4.5.2 A NSCM forgaither wis helt in Ballyconnell, Countie Cavan on 17 October. The Airis Govrenment wis gien represent frae Éamon Ó Cuív TD, Minister for Commontie, Kintra an Gaeltacht Daeins, an Edwin Poots MLA, Minister o Cultur, the Airts an Leisur pittan a stane at the fit o Watterweys Airlan Heidbiggins, an thaim a-biggin at Enniskillen. Richt - Watterweys Airlan Heid Executive John Martin.

4.5.3 At the forgaither Ministers:

- **Bide**: Wark haes stairtit on new Heidbiggins for Watterweys Airlan in Enniskillen.

- **Restore o the Royal Canal**: Muckle progress is efter a-makkan wi the canal tae be fou open tae navigation frae Dublin tae the Shannon in 2009.

- **Sponsorship Program/Jynt Activities**: Uphelt events comprehendit muckle international sport events the lyke o the Classic Fishin Festival on the Lough Erne, the Watter Ski World Cup Kempin in Enniskillen an the Triathlon in Athlone (Tri Athlone).

- **Muirins an Bait Registrations**: 8,500 mair metre o muirins is efter a-pittan out aroond the watterweys an bait registration is mair
nor double - frae 5,544 registert baits at the stairst o 2000 tae 11,468 baits in 2007.

- appruved futur ploys for Watterweys Airlan for the tyme 2008-2010 as sat out in its Corporate an Business Ploys, sae bean hit gaes wi the househauld, at haen its focus on winnan tae the sax goals ablo:
  - Manage an uphauld a heich qualitie watterweys netwark fowk can lippen tae
  - Bring on an restore the watterweys netwark
  - Enhance the watterweys netwark at bes thar thenou sae as mair fowk bes kythe tae thaim
  - Forder mair uiss o our watterweys graith wi the forehaund ettle o recreation
  - Pruiw, manage an bring on the assets o Watterweys Airlan
  - Bring on a Curn o Excellence;
- greed tae propones for a nummer propertie dispones an a gart coffin order; an
TRADE AND BUSINESS ONCUM

4.6.1 The Trade and Business Oncum Curn wis sat up for the niffer o wittins an co-ordinate wirkin anent trade, business oncum an relate maiters, in airits whaur the baith administrations pairticular grees it wad be in thair lyke interest. Wi effect frae 13 December 2007 Dr David Dobbin an Mr John Fitzgerald wis taen on tae the positions o Preses an Preses Depute o the Buird o InterTradeIreland. Thay cam efter Dr Martin Naughton an Mr Barry Fitzsimons. The Heid Executive o InterTradeIreland is Mr Liam Nellis. The Buird members thenou kythes in Annex Twa.

ACTIVITIES

4.6.2 Details o the Curns activities in 2007 kythes in the paragraphs ablo.

4.6.3 InterTradeIreland's 2007 portfolio o initiatives comprehends a reinge collaboratie business netwarks, the lyke o sector-pairticular netwarks wirkan in biotechnologie an lyfe sciences (BioMedIreland), computer softwaur (Aa Islan Softwaur Netwark an Mobile Saftwaur Business Netwark), plastics (Polymer an Plastics Netwark) an ither business netwarks the lyke o the North Wast Science an Technologie Pairtnerie, Aa Islan Learnin Netwarks – Skillnets, Big Up Construction Network, an the Digital Asset Management Netwark, Mobile Advertisin Platform Initiative an Aa Islan Digital Media Forum.

4.6.4 In its Airts o Excellence Netwarks, InterTradeIreland haes leukit at airits the lyke o the uiss o equitie finance as a tuil for companie growth (EquityNetwork), the uiss o benchmairkin graith (Aa Islan Best Practice Netwark) an Entrepreneurship Netwark.

4.6.5 Uphauld wis gien tae Commoneties o Interest Netwarks the lyke o MicroTrade, at uphauls micro-enterprises in the baith stewartries, the US/Airlan Research Pairtnerie at bes bringan on cleeks atween the US an research institutes an researchars in Airlan an Norlin Airlan, Varsities Airlan an the North South Roundtable Group.

4.6.6 Comprehendit athin its science, technologie an innovation programs in 2007, InterTradeIreland put out the FUSION technologie owregie project, the INNOVA collaborative research an oncum project an the unique
research portal www.expertiseireland.com at moks open the research ken thi level institutes in Airlan an Norlin Airlan. InterTradeIreland, in pairtnerie wi Invest NI an Enterprise Airlan, staartit wark anaa on an Aa Islan EU Framework 7 Project, wi a Steerin Comatee sat up an haean defined ICT, Nanotechnologie an Biotechnologie as its taiget sectors.

4.6.7 Athin its sales an mercatin programs in 2007, InterTradeIreland put fore the ACUMEN program at haes its design fortæ stait up athort-mear trade thru sales an mercatin upheaulds for smaa an medium enterprises, the Netwark & Getwark buyar-suppleear program gan wi the Norlin Airlan Chaumber o Commerce an Dublin Chaumber o Commerce, the Go-Source public procure portal www.go-source.com in pairtnerie wi Enterprise Airlan an Invest NI, an the Go-Tender leir program at gies SMEs a haund wi the oncum o ken an sellan intae the public procurement mercat.

4.6.8 InterTradeIreland haes gaed on wi its program o Business & Economic Research an amang its ain research projects, an thaim hit gien sponsor in 2007, wis the Mappin Study o Research & Technological Oncum Centres on the islan o Airlan (in pairtnerie wi DETI, DETE, SFI, Invest NI an Enterprise Airlan), the Direct Shippin Study tae North Americae, the Aa Islan Business Competitiveness Model an the BT/InterTradeIreland Business Monitor.

4.6.9 The 2007 InterTradeIreland EquityNetwork Seedcorn kempin wis formal gien its launch in Apryle 2007 an Aawards wis gien in November 2007 in Croke Pairk in Dublin. Movdia, a Dublin-foundit companie, wun the owreaa prize o €100,000 in the International categorie. Anither Dublin-foundit companie, Openplain, wun €50,000 in the Emergin categorie.

4.6.10 Organised wi InterTradeIreland in co-operation wi Invest NI, Enterprise Airlan, IDA an Forfás, the ‘Business Networks Forum - Collaborate for Commercial Success’ cam aff in Farmleigh, Dublin in Januar 2007. Mair nor 160 delegates cam by, as wis taen frae network members thenou, companie executives, industrie associes an network facilitators, policie-makkars, academics an economic oncum agentries. Outcums comprheendit greeance anent the need for a co-ordinate oncum tae network siller, pairticular in a North South context.

4.6.11 InterTradeIreland is aa daen anaa wi the formal pruiwin o three o its flagship projects, Innova, Fusion an Acumen, an economic appraisals recommendan thair ongan implement.

4.6.12 InterTradeIreland’s programs in 2007 haes brocht on trade an business oncum Vailie at owre £50m/€67m agin a taiget o £25M, an thay ar in wi the upheauld an uiss o mair nor 28 aa-islan business netwarks agin a taiget o 25.
Tourism

Tourism Ireland Limited

Background

4.7.1 Tourism Ireland Limited has responsibilities for the remit marketing of the island of Ireland as a tourist destination. Tourism Ireland has a Board of 12 members taken from the NSCM. From 18 December 2007 Mr Hugh Friel and Ms Ciara Boyle were taken to the positions of President and Vice-President of the Board. They came after Mr Andrew Coppel and Ms Ann Riordan. The board members can be found in Annex Two. The Head Executive of Tourism Ireland is Mr Paul O’Toole.

NSCM Forum

4.7.2 A NSCM forum was held in Dublin on 8 November. The Irish Government was represented by Seamus Brennan TD, Minister for the Arts, Sports and Tourism. The Northern Ireland Executive was represented by Nigel Dodds OBE MP MLA, Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Investment and Michelle Gildernew MP MLA, Minister for Agriculture and Kintra Oncum.

4.7.3 At the forum:
- took part in a talk on a progress report on the activities of Tourism Ireland from 2002 to 2007. This report was given by Ms Ann Riordan, Vice-President of Tourism Ireland. Ministers were given a welcome to the report on the strong growth of visitor numbers an increase of 2.17 million to €1.3/£0.87 billion, comprehend an uplift of 391,000 in visitors to Northern Ireland, in this time;
- took part in Tourism Ireland’s future plans for the time 2008-2010. These include:
  - boosting tourism to the island of Ireland; and
  - maintaining Northern Ireland to realise its tourism potential.
- approved Tourism Ireland’s Corporate Plan 2008-2010 and Business Plan for 2008 with Finance Departments greenance an increment to the household of the Northern Ireland Executive against the Irish Government; and
4.8.1 A NSCM forgaither wis helt in Dublin on 28 November. The Airis Govrenment wis gien represent frae Mary Hanafin TD, Minister for Leir an Science. The Norlin Airlan Executive wis gien represent frae Caitríona Ruane MLA, Minister for Leir an Edwin Poots MLA, Minister o Cultur, the Airts an Leisur.

4.8.2 At the forgaither Ministers:

- gien a walcum tae progress anent leukan owre leir unner-owrepit comprehendan successfu initiatives for the forder o literacie an numeracie in schuils, an buid officears bring fore propones anent leir unner-owrepit an set thaim furth for a-thinkan on at the neist NSCM forgaither in Leir Sectoral format;
- gien a walcum tae the ongan co-operation atween the Depairtment o Leir an Science an the Depairtment o Leir in the airt o athort-mear schuil youth an dominie niffers. Ministers taen tent at a formal owreleuk o co-operation anent leir niffers an uphauld mechanisms, comprehendan the North South Niffer Consortium, will suin slairt up ettet at identifeean a reinge options for futur progress, takkan tent o the siller open thenou an in the futur;
- taen tent tae the oncum in the baith stewartries relate tae the vettin o thaim wirkan wi bairns an vulnerable grawed-ups. Ministers taen tent at cumman frae the Assemble debate in October 2007, the maiter o bairn fen cud cum fore as a muckle maiter for a-thinkan on frae the NSCM an Brits Airis Council (BAC) an at the Leir Depairtments will gie thocht tae maiters as cud cum up, an necessary, an gan wi the Depairtment responsibilities in this airt;
- gien a walcum tae a din frae the Heid Executive an Preses o the Centre o Excellence for Autism at Middletoun an the muckle progress made til thenou anent the upset o a Centre o Excellence for Autism at Middletoun. The Ministers gien endorse tae the futur ploys for the Centre as comprehends the outgie o leir/rede an wittins/research services an leir, learnin an uphauld services as bes for cumman in, an biggin wark aa daen;
- talkit owre ither jynt projects in the airt o byordinar leir needs comprehendan the "Athort-mear Schuil an Parent Commontie Pairtnerie Program" at wis upheld frae the EU Peace an Reconcile Program an gien siller frae the baith Depairtments o Leir;
- taen tent tae progress made til thenou wi the Dominie Qualifications Wirkan Group an taen tent at the Dominie Councils will wirk thegither anent
the maiters in the futur, an necessar. Ministers kent
at muckle chynges haes been made tae whit wis
nott afore anent proficiencie in the Earse Leid a-dae
wi dominie posts an at a pairticular professional
oncum program wis brocht in fortae leuk owre the
needs o primarie dominies takkan on the Scrúdú
le haghaidh Cáilíochta sa Ghaeilge (SCG) - Aíris
proficiencie examination; an

• talkit owre maiters relate tae Dominies
Superannuation an greed at officears frae the
Depairtment o Leir an the Depairtment o Leir an
Science will tak pairt in a wirkan group for tae leuk
owre the owregie o pensions richts on athort-mear
founs an will mak a din back anent maiters a-dae wi
the Leir Sector tae the neist NSCM forgaither in Leir
Sectoral format.
4.9.1 A NSCM forgaither wis helt in Dinnigal on 9 November. The Airis Govrenment wis gien represent frae Mary Coughlan TD, Minister for Agricultur, Fisheries an Meat an Éamon Ó Cuív TD, Minister for Commontie, Kintra an Gaeltacht Daeins. The Norlin Airlan Executive wis gien represent frae Michelle Gildernew MP MLA Minister o Agricultur an Kintra Oncum an Arlene Foster MLA, Minister o the Environs.

4.9.2 At the forgaither Ministers:

- gien a walcum tae the progress made syne 2002 on a reinge maiters, comprendan the lyke beneficial claucht wark taen in repone tae the raicent outbreaks o Fit an Mou Disease an Buetongue disease an earlier outbreaks o Avian Influenza in Britain. This co-operation made sicar a lyke oncum wis taen on for the fen o thir diseases, an sae thaim no cumman intae the islan Airlan, an uphauldan trade leevels;

- taen tent tae an aa-islan Beece Halth an Walfaur Strategie paper brocht on frae the North South Beece Halth an Walfaur Steerin Group. Thay sat furth aince mair at the free muivement o beece on the islan gaes on bean the heid ettle o the beece halth an walfaur strategie an at the wey foreairst is throu co-operation an the oncum o complementar policies. Ministers taen tent at the Strategie comprends a list start-up activities for the deliverie o heid elements wi sindert milestanes an deadlines for the tyme strecht afore us, an buid at officears gae on owreseean progress an pit in farder meurs for the implement o the Strategie for appruive at the neist NSCM sectoral forgaither;

- greed at North South co-operation anent plant halth sud hae its focus on the status o pests an diseases o threit tae the islan plant halth an co-operation anent EU maiters an at the wark o the North South Pesticide Steerin Group sud hae its focus on the furthset o co-ordinate pesticide uiss surveys for girselan fodder craps, an for arable craps;

- taen tent at the Depairtment o Agricultur an Kintra Oncum is bringan on a plant halth strategie for Norlin Airlan at bes for comprehend a section on North South co-operation gan wi the Depairtment o Agricultur, Fisheries an Meat plant halth strategies;

- greed at officears frae the Depairtments sud bide in nearhaund contact anent a reinge heid CAP.
maiters comprehend an the EU Commissions raicent ontak o an aefauld Lyke Mercat Curn, the reform o the Fruit an Vegetable sector an the upcumman CAP “Halth Check”. Ministers taen tent at futur NSCM forgaithers will gie thoicht tae an leuk owre the lyke challenges an inlets cumman frae the EU dimension o agricultur;

• taen tent tae the wark o the North South Steerin Comatee anent Athort-mear Kintra Oncum. Thay greed at the futur wark o the Comatee sud hae its focus on the oncum a maist aible co-operation in the implement o kintra oncum programs an policie, comprehend an the EU programs an tae pruiw the abilitie for a lyke oncum tae the feasibilitie o bringan on athort-mear airt-foundit strategies an kintra oncum research; an

• gien a walcum tae the progress daen unner the sillier gien frae the EU Peace Programs, pairticular the strang focus on kintra airts as haed been at pairticular disadvantage frae the conflict. Thay buid oficers bring foreairt a din an recommends, tae the neist forgaither o the NSCM in the Agricultur Sectoral Format, a-dae wi the Kintra Oncum Program 2007-2013 an co-operation projects.
4.10.1 A NSCM forgaither wis helt in Killadeas, Countie Fermanagh on 26 October. The Norlin Airlan Executive wis gien represent frae Arlene Foster MLA, Minister o the Environs an Margaret Ritchie MLA, Minister for Social Oncum. The Airis Government wis gien represent frae John Gormley TD, Minister for the Environs, Heirship an Local Govenrnment.

4.10.2 At the forgaither, Ministers:

- taen tent an gien a walcum tae whit wis cam on syne the last forgaither in 2002, at comprehendit:
  
  i. jynt wark tae the implement o the EU Watter Framework Directive for tae bring fore watter management on coordinate athort-mear founs;
  
  ii. owre 175,000 affpit fridges an freezers recyclit unner a Norlin Airlan/Airlan contract; an
  
  iii. a successfu athort-mear affpit awaur campaign wis taen on.

- greed at implement o the EU Watter Framework Directive for the three International athort-mear River Basin Airts (IRBDs) faan athin the reinge o the Directive sud gae on on the founs o aefauld management ploys for ilk IRBD - i.e. the North Wastren IRBD, the Neagh Bann IRBD an the Shannon IRBD, an speirt at officears tae mak a din anent oncum at the neist forgaither;

- gien a walcum tae the oncum, unner the North South Mercat Oncum Steerin Group at daen wark tae a lyke beneficial oncum tae the oncum o the affpit an recyclin mercat, makkan the maist o inlets fortae tak benefit frae economies o scale;

- greed at the Steerin Group sud be needan the mercat oncum deliverie agentries in Airlan an Norlin Airlan develop propones for a jynt mercat oncum action program, guidit frae the nott strategies an programs in the baith stewartries;

- greed at the Steerin Group sud hae a representar frae the business sector for its Preses, an sud tak in members frae the business sector forby necessar No Govrenment Curns;

- kent the ongan jynt wark anent the feasibilitie o the upset o a Paper Mill, aible for the reprocessin o affpit paper generate on the islan, sae bean the private sector uphauld an siller be open tae it, an caad for a progress din for its neist forgaither;
• gien a walcum tae the muckle progress made an haundlan the furth-o-the-laa muivements o a thort-
mear affpit an pairticular the raicent jynt enforce daeins, ettlet at pittan an end tae sic furth-o-the-
laa activities;
• gien endorse tae a “Raa Map” at wis efter a-bringan on efter a speir frae the Europe Commission. The ‘Raa Map’ sets out the responsibilities o the baith stewartries gien the necessar laas. Hit gies an outline tae a pairt-bi-
pairt oncum for the remuive an dispone o affpit at bes efter a-pittan doun an sets out a reinge jynt enforce daeins ettlet at pittan an end tae futur furth-o-the-laa movements;
• appruived the commissionin o an owreleuk o twa environs research wabsteids – (aNSwer) a North South wabsteid o environs research, bringan in an environs database (EDS) – as wis brocht on wi the NSCM an gien its launch in 2002. Hit gien a walcum tae the ettles o the Environs Fen Agentrie an Environs an Heirship Service at forgaitheran fortue wirk out the aible inlets for the co-ordination o jynt environs research; an
• taen tent tae the successfu outcum o an athort-
mear affpit awaur campaign an buid officears leuk owre the abilitie for farter wark, comprendan wittins niffer, environs awaur campaigns an fundin options.
4.11.1 A NSCM forgaither wis helt in Dublin on 28 November. The Airis Govrenment wis gien represent frae Mary Harney TD, Minister for Halth an Bairns. The Norlin Airlan Executive wis gien represent frae Michael McGimpsey MLA, Minister for Halth, Social Services an Public Saftie an Michelle Gildernew MP MLA, Minister o Agricultur an Kintra Oncum.

4.11.2 At the forgaither, relate tae Halth, Ministers:
- taen in an talkit owre an owreaa progress din anent halth co-operation syne 2002 at happit a reinge maiters, comprehendan plannin for muckle emergencies, pandemic flu plannin, technologie, cancer research, an halth foder;
- taen tent at a jynt feasibilitie study wis organ an at this wad idenfite the abilitie for a mair strategic oncum tae the co-operation relate tae baith the halth an the social walbein;
- taen in a din anent organ co-operation anent mishaunter an emergencie services. Ministers taen tent an gien a walcum anaa tae the worlk commisioned frae Co-operation an Wirkin Thegither (CAWT), a pairtnerie group sat up frae the necessar Halth Buirds, fortae pruiv maiters a-dae wi the implement o an athort-mear furth-o-hours GP service;
- gien a walcum tae the organ wark comprehendan co-operation anent paediatric an congenital cardiac services atween the Royal Victoria Spital in Belfast an Our Ladys Spital for Sick Bairns in Dublin;
- buid officear mak a din anent the farder oncum o the athort-mear furth-o-hours service an the organ wark anent paediatric an congenital cardiac services tae the neist NSCM Halth Sectoral format forgaither;
- gien a walcum tae co-operation anent leir an plannin for muckle emergencies an gien a walcum tae the nearhaund co-operation atween the baith Depairtments an the Halth Service Executive (HSE) anent infectious disease emergencie plannin an taen tent tae ploys for an athort-mear exercise anent pandemic flu plannin claucht tae a lyke exercise in the EU;
- gien a walcum tae the byordinar co-operation atween the fire an reddin services, an haundlan emergencies an raa mishaunter repones in the Mairches, an greed at the First Respondar Schemes sud be managed throu the Ambulance Services anaa;
- gien thocht tae a din anent heich technologie graith at haen a focus tae the outgie o better access tae the radiotherapie services. For tae dae siclyke, Ministers gien a walcum tae a greeance atween the Belfast City Spital, the Altnagevin Spital an the HSE for tae gie cancer patients frae the Countie
Dinnygal radiotherapy treatment at the Belfast City Spital. Ministers greed at the oncume o mair Radiotherapy capacitie sud be taen foreair anaa, alang wi wark tae the jynt feasibilitie study;

- taen in a presentation frae the Heid Medical Officears, Dr Jim Kiely o the Depairtment o Halth an Bains an Dr Michael McBride o the Depairtment o Halth, Social Services an Public Sauftie anent the wark o the Airlan-Norlin Airlan-National Cancer Institute o the USA Cancer Consortium. Activities a-takkan on unner the heidin o the Consortium comprehends; the oncume o lyke protocols, definitions an datasets frae cancer registries, the rinnin o a Cancer Fen Fellaeship Program; the uiss o telesynergie for tae gie a haund wi the diagnose o rare conditions an for research cleeks; an the wirkin o an aa-islain Cancer Clinical Trials Co-operation Group;

- gien a walcum tae the braid reinge co-operation anent halth forder in heid airts the lyke o wirkan agin obesitie, research, halth forderan spitals, leir, smokin, workplace halth forder, menfowks halth, mental halth an breistfodderin. Ministers taen tent particular tae the wark o the Institute o Public Halth pairticular relate tae the hauddlin o the want o halth coequalitie; an

- taen tent an gien a walcum tae progress an co-operation anent mental halth an pairticular at an aa-islain suicide fen action ploy is efter a-bringan on an a-greean. Thay greed at the Internet haen a muckle role relate tae suicide an greed fortae wirk thegither fortae bring chynge in this airt.
Transport

Carr tae Richt - Conor Murphy MP MLA, Minister for Regional Oncum, Arlene Foster MLA, Minister o the Environs an Noel Dempsey TD, Minister for Transport at the September Transport forgaither.

4.12.1 NSCM forgaithers wis helt in Killadeas on 28 September an in Trim, Countie Meath, on 12 December. Ilk tide, the Norlin Airlan Executive wis gien represent frae Conor Murphy MP MLA, Minister for Regional Oncum an Arlene Foster MLA, Minister o the Environs. The Airis Govrenment wis gien represent baith tides frae Noel Dempsey TD, Minister for Transport.

4.12.2 At thir forgaithers Ministers:

i. gien a welcum tae the wark daen syne 2002 on a reinge maiters an the inlet forgate forgaither fort ae talk owre inlets for ahort-meir wirkin theghither relate tae Strategic Transport Plannin an Raa Saftie;

ii. taen tent at the Airis Govrenments inpit o £400m/€580m til the fundin o the A5 (North-Wast Gateway tae Aughnacloy) an A8 (Belfast tae Larne) A8 projects. Thay:

a. greed fort ae mak the peyment process easier, this inpit wad be put owre tae the A5 project, takkan tent at progress on the A8 project will be the responsibilitie o the Norlin Airlan Executive an its agentries;

b. gien a welcum tae the upset o a management structur comprehendan an Ahort-mear Steerin Group, Technical Group an dedicate Raas Service Project Team forgate mak the A5 project; an

c. gien a welcum tae the earlie ontak o consultants forgate mak aible the stairt o a route througang study o the A5 project.

iii. taen tent o aunc anent propones for tae open aince mair the Annaghroe an Knocknaginny brigs on the Tyrone/ Monaghan mear, comprehendan the ontak o consultants frae the Monaghan Countie Council;

iv. taen tent o aunc anent the Airis Govrenments propone for the biggin o a brig at Narrae Watter cleekan the Co. Louth wi the Co. Doun an decid tae hauld the maiter unner review an tak tent tae the outcums o the technical wark gien siller frae the Airis Govrenment, whanever hit kythes;

v. taen tent tae the collogues an taen in a presentation frae representars o Iarnród Éireann an Northern Ireland Railways an taen tent tae options for the
futur oncum o the athort-mear rail cleek atween Dublin an Belfast pauristic relate tae:

i. better service frequencie;
ii. betterments tae rowean stock; an
iii. outtak o speed leemits

an buid thair officears busk a din for a-thinkan on at the neist NSCM Transport Sectoral forgaither;

• taen tent tae the ongan co-operation atween Depairtments an the baith railway operatin companies, relate tae rail sauftie an interoperabilitie an buid officears gae on wi the wirkin nearhaund thegithe for tae mak sicar compliance wi necessar EU Directives on sic maiters;

• taen tent at a jynt upheld study anent Athort-mear Commontie foundit kintra transport is efter a-thinkan on frae the baith Depairtments, an kennan the aible benefits an the regulator, graith an curr leemits tae the outgie o sic services at this tyme, greed at a pilot athort-mear pruiw sud nou be gien thocht tae; an

• talkit owre athort-mear co-operation anent raa sauftie, comprehendan speirin anent raa sauftie strategies. Ministers taen tent at a study anent cooperation atween the UK an Airlan relate tae the lyke ken o penaltie pynts is thenou ongan. Ministers taen in a presentation anaa frae the Raa Sauftie Authority anent the new Raa Sauftie Strategie for Airlan for the tyme 2007-2012 an taen tent at the hauf-term owreleuk o the Norlin Airlan Raa Sauftie Strategie 2002-2012 wis ongan wi an announcement anent the wey foreairt tae cum in 2008. The Council farder gien a walcam tae the ongan co-operation atween the authorities on a reinge maiters. Thay greed:

i. at efforts fortae forder raa sauftie throu jynt advertisin an publicitie campaigns sud gae on an at open evidence anent the effectiveness o the oncum thenou sud be leukit owre;

ii. at wark sud gae on throu the Steering to Safety project anent findan practical weys o impruiwean raa sauftie, comprehendan the appleein o penaltie pynts in the Mairches;

iii. at whaur aible the outcums o necessar raa sauftie research sud be shared; an

iv. at the inlets for makkan better an bringan thegither arryngements for the collect, collatein an reporting o raa sauftie wittins sud gae on a-makk an uiss o.

v. the lyke ken o drivin disqualifications sud be taen foreairt.
ANNEX ANE

NORTH SOUTH COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
JYNT SECRETARIAT
The North/South Council of Ministers (NSCM) is upheld with a standalone Joint Secretariat at work between members of the Northern Irish Civil Service and the Airis Civil Service. The Office of the First Minister and First Minister depute (OFMDFM) is the foremost Department of the Northern Irish Civil Servants and the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) is the foremost Department of the Airis Civil Servants.

Mary Bunting is the Northern Joint Secretary and Tom Hanney is the Southern Joint Secretary. The Joint Secretaries Depute is Pat Donaghy (Northern) and Niall Holohan (Southern).

**Functions**

The functions of the Joint Secretariat comprehend:

- arranging the schedule of Council gatherings in different formats;
- making sure of political/Ministerial business beforehand for agendas for the Council;
- busking or commissioning of papers for gatherings of the Council, comprehending them relate to its work programme;
- scrolls of joint communiques and records of decisions of the Council;
- setting forth decisions of the Council and monitoring their implementation;
- scrolls of an yearly din about the ongoing of the Council;
- work like a channel of communication with Implement Curns an facilitating their oncum;
- clearskin, when necessary through the designate Department or Office in either stewardship, wi the Secretariat o the Brits-Airis Intergovernmental Conference, wi the Secretariat o the Brits-Airis Council, an wi the North/South joint parliamentary forum an undependant speerin forum when sat up;
- cairriein out o sic ither wirk lyke the Council cud set fore.

**Siller**

Siller for wirkars cum frae OFMDFM an DFA. Aa ither siller a-dae wi the Joint Secretariat an the NSCM bes claucht atween the baith administrations. The siller for the rinnin o the Joint Secretariat in 2007 cam tae £1,626,707/€2,384,763.
ANNEX TWA

NORTH SOUTH
CURNS BUIRD MEMBERS
Meat Saftie Forder Buird
Buird o Rede

John Dardis
(Chairperson)
Campbell Tweedie
(Vice Chairperson)
Ken Baird
Lynn Ní Bhaigheallain
Joe Byrne
Brian Cunningham
Aoife Healy
Susan Heraghty
Neven Maguire
Seamus Sheridan
Con Traas
Jane Wells

North South Langage Curn -
Foras Na Gaeilge

Liam Ó MaoílÚcháil
(Chairperson o Foras na Gaeilge/
Jynt Chairperson o An Foras Teanga)
Eoghan Mac Cormaic
(Vice Chair)
Áine Andrews
Lucilita Breathnach
Seanna Breathnach
Adelaide Nic Cáithaigh
Máire Gallagher
Máiréad Nic Giolla Mhíchíl
Liam Kennedy
Norman Henry
Éamonn Kinch
Marcas Mac Ruairí
Dónal Ó Bearra
Pádraic Ó Bliadhna
Diarmuid Ó Murchú
Caoilfhionn Nic Pháidín

Tha Boord o Ulstèr Scotch

Mark Thompson
(Preses o Tha Boord o Ulstèr-Scotch/
Jynt Chairperson o North South Langage Curn)
Ian Adamson
Dr Aileen Douglas
Angela Graham
William Humphrey
William Leathem
Jacqui Reed
William Roulston

The Foyle, Cairlínford an Airís
Lichts Commission

Tarlach Ó Crosain
(Chairperson)
Jacqui McConville
(Vice Chairperson)
Enda Bonner
Brendan Byrne
John Byrne
Denis Haughey
Alan McCulla
Joe Miller
John Mulcahy
Winston Patterson
Thomas Sloan
Jim Wilson

ANNEX TWA: North South Curns; Buird Members
THE TRADE AND BUSINESS ONGUM CURN

David Dobbin
(Chairperson)
John Fitzgerald
(Vice Chairperson)
Brendan Butler
Ray Doherty
Rosaleen Doherty
Sean Gallagher
Jack Gilmour
Hugh Logue
Padraig MacLochlainn
Patricia McKeown
Dr Gerard O’Hare
Tom Scott

TOURISM IRELAND LIMITED

Hugh Friel
(Chairperson)
Ciara Boyle
(Vice-Chairperson)
Brian Ambrose
David Lyle
Robert Manson
Mandy Martin
Bill McGinnis
Tom McGrath
Moira McNamara
John Power
Shaun Quinn
Ann Riordan