



## **Draft Minutes**

### **NIABT Board of Trustees' Meeting**

**Mon 7 February 2011**

#### **Attendance:**

Sean Neeson MLA	Chair
Paul Butler MLA	
Leslie Cree MLA	
Robin Newton MLA	
Declan O'Loan MLA	
Dawn Purvis MLA	
Gareth McGrath	
James Devlin	BT NI
James Haughey	Norbrook Laboratories
Alec McRitchie	Bombardier Aerospace
Glyn Roberts	NIIRTA
John Rooney	Rooney Fish
Grainne Walsh	Stratagem
William Wright	Wright Group

#### **1. Apologies**

John O'Farrell            NI-ICTU.

## **2. Adoption of previous minutes**

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

## **3. Matters arising**

Matters arising formed substantive agenda items.

## **4. Events**

The Chair reported on both recent and planned events.

### **Recent**

On 13 December the Christmas reception was held immediately after the conclusion of the previous Board meeting; Members of the Press as well as NIABT members, MLAs and other stakeholders attended the reception.

The December Ulster Bank breakfast briefing was the last event of 2010. Richard Ramsey, John Cairnduff, Ian Jordan and Mark Crimmins from the Ulster Bank were present to deliver briefings and take questions from the audience.

On 18 January, Minister Sammy Wilson delivered a breakfast briefing on the Spending Review. This event attracted over 60 NIABT members and gave an excellent overview on the impact of the Spending Review on the NI draft budget.

On 21 January, the NIABT President hosted a North West Dinner. 40 North West business representatives joined MLAs, NIABT business members and Board representatives at the Radisson Roe Hotel, Limavady. William Wright delivered the keynote address. The event was a huge success and attracted 8 of the 13 membership applications which have been previously on the agenda.

On 31 January, the last of the PIPS Programmes suicide awareness training sessions took place.

On 4 February, an NIABT delegation visited Bombardier for an educational visit, presentation and tour. Alec McRitchie provided feedback on the visit from Bombardier's perspective

### **Planned**

On 8 February, Phil McDonagh (ex PWC) will deliver a breakfast briefing on how the manufacturing sector can rebalance the Northern Ireland economy.

On 17 February, the NIABT President will host the annual President's Dinner in Parliament Buildings. Minister Sammy Wilson MP MLA will be speaking at the event. Unfortunately Vince Cable has had to pull out of the event due to other commitments. The NIABT were unable to secure another guest speaker at short notice.

On 24 February, an MP Q & A session on reserved matters will take place. The NIABT in conjunction with IOD are holding this Q & A session where MPs will be available to take questions.

On 9 March Frances Hill from the Bank of England, will deliver a briefing on Northern Ireland's impact on monetary policy.

## **5. Membership Applications**

Early Years were removed from the membership list due to non-payment of contributions since 3 November 2009.

Membership applications were approved for a number of companies. These companies were Aiken PR Ltd, Aldebaran Consultants Ltd, Arbarr Electronics Ltd, Anderson Spratt Group, CPC Office Supplies, Fabrio Ltd, Fitzwilliam Hotel, Guy's Home Interiors, McLelland Salter Chartered Surveyors, WH Nutt & son, PA Consulting, Rural Generation Ltd, Savills Ltd.

## **6. NIABT Business Plan 2011-2013 :**

The NIABT business plan which will cover the 3 year period from January 2011 to December 2013 was approved.

## **7. Newsletter:**

A copy of the latest newsletter was approved for distribution.

## **8. AOB:**

This meeting was the last to be presided over by retiring Chair Sean Neeson MLA. The NIABT President and members of the Board wished Sean well in his retirement.