

HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS ENTERPRISE

MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT GROUP HELD ON TUESDAY, 18 APRIL 2006

PRESENT: Sandy Cumming (Chief Executive)
Sandy Brady (Director – Strategy)
Forbes Duthie (Director – Corporate Services)
Douglas MacDiarmid (Director - Global Connections)
John Watt (Director - Strengthening Communities)
Jackie Wright (Director - Business Growth & Research)
Douglas Yule (Director – Area Operations)
Anne Murray (Developing Skills)
Andrew Ross (Executive Office)
Alison MacNeill (Executive Office)

1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 10 APRIL 2006 (MG 12/06) (HIE 2004/0228)

These Minutes were approved.

2 MATTERS ARISING

Item removed for reasons of commercial interest

3 PROPERTY OPTIONS - DINGWALL (HIE 2006/000398)

A final decision on this paper was deferred to allow for further development of the financial analysis of the various options.

4 NETWORK ASSISTANCE

Item removed for reasons of commercial interest

At this point, Douglas Yule declared an interest as Chairman of the Board of Governors of Eden Court Theatre and left the room.

5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1 HI-ARTS – ARTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2006/2007 (HIE 2006/00432) (PCS 37750)

A decision on this paper was deferred. Staff undertook to provide further information on the length and terms of the current and proposed leases and the potential availability of funding from other partners and/or from reserves. Depending on the urgency of a decision having to be made, the paper would either be brought back to a future meeting of the Management Group or presented to the Chief Executive directly for decision under his delegated authority.