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MG 10/05  
HIE 2004/02228

## HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS ENTERPRISE

### MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT GROUP HELD ON MONDAY, 14 MARCH 2005

**PRESENT:** J R A Cumming (Chief Executive)  
A B Brady (Director – Strategy)  
G Cox (Director – Network Management System Project)  
F Duthie (Director - Corporate Services)  
D MacDiarmid (Director – Global Connections)  
A Paterson (Director – Developing Skills)  
W Sylvester (Director – Partnership Projects)  
J Watt (Director – Strengthening Communities)  
J Wright (Director - Growing Businesses)  
K Abernethy (Chief Executive, Argyll and the Islands Enterprise)  
A Anderson Strengthening Communities) (Items 3 and 4)  
D Smillie (Strengthening Communities) (Item 2)  
A N Ross (Secretary)  
M Anderson (Executive Office)

**1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 MARCH (MG 9/05) (HIE 2004/0228)**

These Minutes were approved.

2 Paragraph removed for reasons of substantial prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs.

3 Paragraph removed for reasons of substantial prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs.

4 Paragraph removed for reasons of substantial prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs.

5 Paragraph removed for reasons of substantial prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs.

6 Paragraph removed for reasons of commercial interest.

**7 FINANCIAL STATEMENT - ELEVEN MONTHS TO 28 FEBRUARY 2005**  
**(HIE 2004/02409)**

This paper was noted. A summary would be presented to the HIE Board on 22 March.

**8 OTHER BUSINESS**

**(1) MEDIALAB EUROPE STRATEGIC ALLIANCE (PCS 33826)(HIE 2004/05355)**

Noting the contents of this paper, it was agreed to transfer HIE's relationship with Medialab to the MIT Medialab Laboratory in Boston. It was agreed that no funds would be released until a contract was in place and that a progress report would be submitted to the Group in three months' time.

**(2) ALTERATION OF UNIT 1, BROADFORD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE (HIE 2004/03474)**

The Group noted the additional costs incurred to cover the costs of necessary weekend working and homologated the decision of the HIE Chief Executive to approve a revised total of £127,500 plus VAT towards this project.

**(3) SUPPLY SIDE INTERVENTION – PROJECT MANAGER AND CONSULTANTS  
(PCS 33332)(HIE 2004/02755)**

Noting the request by Scottish Executive to extend the commissions for the project manager and specialist consultants to allow successful completion of the broadband procurement services, it was agreed that the original approval be increased from £220,000 to £275,000, with the costs being met by the Scottish Executive

Murina Anderson  
17 March 2005