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MT 24/07

HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS ENTERPRISE

MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT TEAM HELD ON MONDAY, 20 AUGUST 2007

PRESENT: Sandy Cumming (Chief Executive)
Sandy Brady (Director – Strategy)
Stuart Black (Director – Global Connections)
Forbes Duthie (Director – Corporate Services)
Susan Myles (Director – Human Resources and Facilities Management)
John Watt (Director – Strengthening Communities)
Jackie Wright (Director – Business Growth and Research)
Douglas Yule (Director – Area Operations)
Gordon Cox (Director – Network Management System)
Anne Murray (Developing Skills)
Anna Miller (Executive Office)
Anne Muirden (Executive Office)

1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 6 AUGUST 2007 (MT 23/07) (HIE 2007/00262)

These Minutes were approved.

2 WRITE OFF CASES (HIE 2005/02371)

This paper was noted. Approval was given to write off one case with a balance of £47,975 and it was agreed to submit the paper to the Board with a recommendation to seek Scottish Executive consent to write off two cases totalling £259,221.

3 FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE FOUR MONTHS TO 31st JULY 2007 (HIE 2005/01305)

This paper was noted. Expenditure amounted to £31.9m for the period against an indicative budget of £39.2m, which was 27% of budget provision against a straight line of 33%. Although slightly lower, this year saw a significantly higher opening budget. In Block A, overall commitment of 104% remained good. Block B, whilst currently on target would come under pressure later in the year as a result of pay remit increases. It was understood that this was currently being reviewed to ensure it remained on budget at the year end. It was agreed that this paper would be submitted to the HIE Board.

4 *Item removed for reasons of commercial interest.*

5 OTHER BUSINESS

1. PROJECT AMENDMENT – ISLE OF EIGG HERITAGE TRUST – ELECTRIFICATION OF EIGG (LE 2007/00815) (NMS 218499)

Funding was originally approved in September 2005 to the Isle of Eigg Heritage Trust for the development of an island-wide electricity generation and distribution scheme. HIE Lochaber funding of £250,000 was approved towards an estimated project cost of £1.34m. Scottish Hydro Contracting (SHC) was appointed by Isle of Eigg Heritage Trust to undertake the design and build of the project. SHC subsequently suggested enhancements to the original design, which

would make the scheme more robust and reliable in terms of electricity generation and supply. These enhancements led to the requirement of additional funding. This paper was originally presented to the Management Team on 23 July 2007 but was deferred in order that HIE Lochaber could conduct further investigation. As a result of these discussions the Isle of Eigg Heritage Trust had reduced their application by £12,000 to £63,000. It was agreed to approve the application for an additional £63,000 from the HIE Lochaber budget.

2. Item removed for reasons of commercial interest.

A Miller
23 August 2007
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