

# FOR PUBLICATION

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## HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS ENTERPRISE

### MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT TEAM HELD ON MONDAY, 30 JULY 2007

**PRESENT:** Sandy Brady (Director – Strategy)  
Stuart Black (Director – Global Connections)  
Forbes Duthie (Director – Corporate Services)  
Alex Paterson (Director – Developing Skills)  
Forbes Duthie (Director – Corporate Services)  
Douglas Yule (Director – Area Operations)  
Chris Higgins (Strengthening Communities)  
Annemarie Monteforte (HIE Caithness and Sutherland) (item 2 only, by VC)  
Sandra McCaughey (HIE Caithness and Sutherland) (item 2 only, by VC)  
Ruaraidh MacNeil (HIE Inverness and East Highland) (item 4 only)  
Anna Miller (Executive Office)

**1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 23 JULY 2007 (MT 21/07) (HIE 2007/00262)**

These Minutes were approved.

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

**3 UHI POLICYWEB CORE FUNDING 2007-11 (HIE 2004/001893) (NMS 239415)**

In July 2003 HIE granted a three-year funding package to set up the UHI research institute, which became known as PolicyWeb, with the aim of conducting research to influence the Highlands and Islands and Scottish Rural Policy. A review and business planning exercise was undertaken early in 2007 which concluded positively that support for continuity of a research institute in rural policy research existed and that the majority of the performance measures set by HIE had been achieved or exceeded. This paper proposed to take the project to the next level, taking forward the lessons learned from the pilot phase which had been incorporated into a business plan that formed the basis of UHI's application to HIE for funding consideration.

When questioned regarding UHI's proposals to operate beyond HIE network funding, it was understood that UHI were investing within the first three years, with core cost contribution increasing thereafter. It was also understood that income generated through consultancy would be an important contributor to their future. Following discussion, a total of up to £611,000 was approved to be allocated as £147,000 in 2007-08, £207,000 in 2008-09, £171,000 in 2009-10 and £86,000 in 2010-11.

**4 *Item removed for reasons of commercial interest.***

A Miller  
31 July 2007  
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