

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE ON REFORM FOLLOWING THE RHI INQUIRY

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 1) In the section of the *New Decade, New Approach* Agreement (the Agreement) dealing with transparency, accountability and the functioning of the Executive (Part 2, paragraphs 3-8), the parties have agreed that “the Executive will establish a dedicated sub-committee which will consider the findings of the RHI Inquiry and propose further reforms, in addition to those in the Agreement, to deliver the changes necessary to rebuild public confidence. The parties agree to deliver any such reforms rapidly once the Inquiry has reported”.
- 2) The purpose of the Executive sub-committee shall be:
 - a. to receive and consider the recommendations of the RHI Inquiry Report in light of work already completed and relevant reforms set out in the Agreement;
 - b. to recommend to the Executive any further work to be commissioned to rebuild public confidence, in addition to that already identified in the Agreement;
- 3) The sub-committee will be chaired by the Minister of Finance and shall include the Ministers in those Departments which have been core participants in the Inquiry, and shall include representation from each Party on the Executive. The Junior Ministers will represent the First Minister and deputy First Minister.
- 4) In the event that a Minister is unable to attend a meeting, and the meeting cannot be rearranged, a Special Adviser or designated Party Member may attend; although they can communicate the views of the Minister and contribute to the discussion, they would not be able to vote.
- 5) In recognition of the political input on these issues, and to support consultation at Party level in advance of meetings, papers can be shared outside the Committee to a list of designated Party colleagues which should be notified to the Department of Finance.
- 6) Administrative support will be provided by the Department of Finance.

- 7) The sub-committee shall meet:
 - a. after the publication of the Inquiry Report and produce for publication an action plan for implementation of recommendations flowing out of the RHI Inquiry report; and
 - b. to agree a final report to be submitted to the Executive for publication (to include consideration of an annual report reporting on implementation and how standards are being adhered to).
- 8) The sub-committee shall report to the Executive Committee and the Assembly recommending further reforms to deliver the changes necessary to restore public confidence in the political institutions and the NI Civil Service.