

# **BALANCING THE BUDGET**

*Reconciling unavoidable spending cuts with active government*

*Friday 3 December 2010*

*Hilton Hotel Templepatrick, 9.30 am – 4.15 pm*

| Time         | Item   |
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| <b>8.45</b>  | <b>Registration</b>  |
| <b>9.30</b>  | <b>Welcome and Introduction</b><br>John Hunter CB, Chair Chief Executives' Forum   |
| <b>9.45</b>  | <b>Keynote Address</b><br>The Promise of Active Government – Reframing the Agenda<br>Joint opening address by senior members of the Northern Ireland Executive   |
| <b>10.15</b> | <b>The Spending Review</b><br>Taking £4 billion out of public sector spending over the next four years and the implications for the wider economy – Dr Esmond Birnie, Northern Ireland Chief Economist, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP |
| <b>10.45</b> | <b>Break</b>   |
| <b>11.15</b> | <b>What Voters Say</b><br>Findings from focus group research sponsored by the Consumer Council – Antoinette McKeown, Chief Executive, Consumer Council for Northern Ireland  |
| <b>12.00</b> | <b>Priorities and Public Services Provision</b><br>What others are doing, the choices being made, and the priorities they reflect.   |
| (1)          | Dr Andrew Goudie, Chief Economic Advisor to the Scottish Government  |
| (2)          | Michael Hearty, Director General Strategic Planning, Finance and Performance, Welsh Assembly Government  |

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| <b>1.00</b> | <b>Lunch</b>   |
| <b>2.00</b> | <b>The Budget Challenge</b><br>Delivering more for less and sustainable economic growth – Stephen Peover,<br>Permanent Secretary, Department of Finance and Personnel              |
| <b>2.30</b> | <b>Making it Happen – Re-Engineering Public Services</b><br>Achieving leaner, more efficient government – A senior official from Prime Minister’s<br>Delivery Unit and HM Treasury |
| <b>3.00</b> | <b>Rising to the Challenge – Creating a More Broadly Based Northern Ireland Economy</b><br>Three short break-out presentations and discussion groups.                              |
| (1)         | The Public Sector: A senior official from Prime Minister’s Delivery Unit and HM Treasury – Chaired by a senior member of the Northern Ireland Executive                            |
| (2)         | The Private Sector: Ann McGregor, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce – Chaired by a senior member of the Northern Ireland Executive                             |
| (3)         | The Third Sector: Seamus McAleavey, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action – Chaired by a senior member of the Northern Ireland Executive                  |
| <b>3.45</b> | <b>Principles and Priorities</b><br>Report Back: Key messages from the sector group discussions  |
| <b>4.15</b> | <b>Close of Conference</b><br>Followed by tea and coffee   |

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