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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated Board on his meeting with Strabane District Council and Gerard McCleave provided an update on the follow up meeting which he and the CE attended.</li> <li>Highlighted the need to focus on involvement from the Unionist community, especially since they had not participated in Future Search.</li> <li>Updated on upcoming workshops, dates for some of which have already been confirmed.</li> <li>Outlined the key risks.</li> </ul>	
	<p>The discussion which followed emphasised the need for communications. It was agreed that we should look at the possibility of producing the e-zine more frequently than the current quarterly production. Mo Durkan will also contact community groups to establish their preferred medium of communication.</p>	MD
	<p>There is also a requirement to actively market the YOUR CITY YOUR SAY website.</p>	GMcC
<b>5</b>	<p><b><u>EQUALITY</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As agreed at the February Board meeting, Mary O'Dwyer gave a presentation to Board in order to provide them with a better understanding of the Draft Equality Action Plan. As agreed, she will gather data on the deprived areas in Derry~Londonderry referred to in the presentation, and circulate this data to Board.</li> <li>Gerard McCleave reported that following a 'log jam' in relation to job brokerage, this is now progressing.</li> <li>Alan Maitland commended Ilex's very positive actions with regard to Equality and suggested that it might be helpful to document how the cross-cutting theme is being identified for each policy and practice.</li> <li>Kyle Alexander shared his experiences in Laganside and also commended the work being done by Ilex. He added that Equality was always on the agenda for both staff and Board meetings so that there was always a record to show to the Equality Commission at the end of the year.</li> </ul>	MO'D
<b>6</b>	<p><b><u>KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY BUILDING (HUB)</u></b></p> <p>John McDaid declared an interest in this agenda item and informed Board of his recent meeting with the Chairman.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brenda Fraser gave a presentation, stating that the intention is to have the hub building at Fort George so that there will be connectivity and links with the Knowledge Economy Corridor, the University and the NWC.</li> <li>The importance of having the correct management of the hub building was emphasised.</li> <li>Following a question about the driving factors stated in the Donegal County Development Board Strategy, Board was informed that Donegal County Council is taking the lead in this regard; Michael Heaney updated on this.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% funding is being requested from InterReg IV.</li> <li>• The Chairman stressed the importance of:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Management of the building</li> <li>○ Gaining the support of all relevant Departments for the InterReg application</li> <li>○ NISP engagement</li> <li>○ Consideration to be given to a science centre for children – perhaps an off-shoot of W5.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>7</b>	<p><b><u>BOSTON / DERRY</u></b></p> <p>Gerard McCleave outlined the background to the event in Boston and stated that he would provide Board with a costed proposal once discussions have commenced. As a number of organisations have been approached about both participating in, and sponsoring this event, Ilex will liaise with these bodies before any commitment is made. Board agreed, in principle, to Ilex becoming involved.</p>	GMcC
<b>8</b>	<p><b><u>WORLD HERITAGE STATUS</u></b></p> <p>Matt McNulty provided an update on the recent visit to Derry by Lord Donal Hankey. As Ireland has only 2 world heritage sites, it was recommended to Matt, by members of the Voting Committee, that Derry make its application through Ireland rather than the UK. Alan Maitland stated that there had previously been concerns about how this might work in a North-South regard. He also stressed the importance of gaining the support of DETI.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<p><b><u>BUSINESS PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN</u></b></p> <p>Mary O'Dwyer distributed copies of the BP/CP and added that all outstandings should be completed by 13 March.</p>	MO'D
<b>10</b>	<p><b><u>CONCRETE CRUSHING – FORT GEORGE</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chief Executive updated the Board on the situation since the report from Internal Audit. Board were provided with a narrative giving a background to the issue and the CE then outlined the recommendations.</li> <li>• Richard Sterling suggested that costs be clarified in the paper and also that it be made clear that work has stopped since June 2008.</li> <li>• It was suggested and generally agreed that, following an internal meeting and the paper amended with additional information, an informal meeting be held with Internal Audit in an attempt to resolve the issue.</li> </ul>	KA

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11 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- CIPFA Course: Board provided with details.
- Probity Course: Board provided with details.
- 8<sup>th</sup> April has been earmarked for the Ministerial launch of the Foot & Cycle Bridge.
- Brenda Fraser provided an update on the bridge evaluations; it is hoped that the contractor will be identified by 22 March.
- The Chairman marked the Chief Executive's final Board meeting by commending the remarkable job he has done since taking up his post. He added that the credibility of the organisation is now a lot higher than when the CE arrived and a lot of this is due to personal effort and sacrifice.

12 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 2 April @ 10.30am.