

Equality and Social Need Steering Group Meeting

10.30am, Wednesday 20th June 2007

Room E4.02, Castle Buildings

Minutes

Present:

Gerry Mulligan	OFMDFM (Chair)
Anthony Carleton	DCAL
Mervyn Langtry	DEL
John McGuinness	DEL
Irene McAllister	DETI
Ann Torrens	DFP
Seamus Camplisson	DHSSPS
Alex Boyle	DOE
Margaret Langhammer	DRD
Donna Knowles	NIO
Stephen Donnelly	OFMDFM/NISRA
Jim Breen	OFMDFM
Carol McCabe	OFMDFM
Bernie Duffy	OFMDFM
Catherine McCool	OFMDFM
Liz McMeekin	OFMDFM
Grainia Long	ECNI
Michelle Furphy	NISRA

Apologies:

Sharon Lawlor	DE
Lynn Hayes	DE
David Malcolm	DSD

1. Apologies and Introductions

- 1.1 Gerry Mulligan welcomed members to the meeting and gave a brief background history of the Steering Group for the benefit of new members.

2. Minutes of 13 February 2007 & Matters Arising

- 2.1 Members approved the minutes from 13 February as an accurate record of the meeting.
- 2.2 Gerry advised that the minutes would be posted on the Central Anti-Poverty unit website as previously agreed.

Action: Linsey Farrell

- 2.3 There were a number of matters arising from the previous meeting, particularly around the provision of Equality and Human Rights training. It was agreed that this was an issue to be taken forward by the Equality Practitioners' Group (EPG).
- 2.4 Bernie agreed to get a clear articulation from the Centre for Applied Learning as to its current position in relation to Equality Training. Members would be advised of the outcome of this through the channel of EPG.

Action: Bernie Duffy

- 2.5 As requested at the February meeting, details of the membership of the Ministerial Poverty and Social Inclusion Forum had been circulated to ESNSG for information.
- 2.6 Anne Hunter had been in touch with DFP and colleagues in Central Appointments Unit regarding common text for the Disability Action Plans. This text had been circulated to departments.
- 2.7 With regard to Disability Action Plans, Alex Boyle advised members that the DOE Statutory Committee had expressed interest in the Disability Action Plan and was keen to be kept informed regarding its implementation.

3. Section 75 Effectiveness Review – Grainia Long

- 3.1 Gerry welcomed Grainia Long from the Equality Commission and thanked her for taking the time to give a presentation to the group.

