

## **CROSS SECTOR ADVISORY FORUM SUB-GROUPS**

### **The six sub-groups of the CSAF are as follows:**

- (i) Infrastructure, Planning and Procurement;
- (ii) Business and Skills;
- (iii) Hardship, Poverty, Debt and Energy;
- (iv) Agriculture;
- (v) Banking Finance and Lending; *and*
- (vi) Housing and Property.

### **The CSAF sub-groups are chaired by the Ministers of the NI Executive departments:**

- (i) **Infrastructure, Planning and Procurement:** Jointly Chaired by the Ministers of the Environment and Regional Development.
- (ii) **Business and Skills:** Jointly Chaired by the Ministers for Enterprise, Trade and Investment, and Employment and Learning.
- (iii) **Hardship, Poverty, Debt and Energy:** Jointly Chaired by the Junior Ministers of OFMDFM.
- (iv) **Agriculture:** Chaired by the Minister for Agriculture
- (v) **Banking, Finance and Lending:** Chaired by the Minister for Finance and Personnel.
- (vi) **Housing and Property:** Chaired by the Minister for Social Development.

### **Issues that each of the CSAF Sub-Groups will examine are detailed below:**

- (i) Infrastructure, Planning and Procurement  
The main issues for this group are around:
  - Identifying the key opportunities to use public sector capital spending to support the local construction and other business sectors;
  - Options for using public procurement to stimulate the economy; and
  - How planning is assisting local business.

(ii) Business and Skills

The main issues for this group to consider are around:

- Identifying the key training initiatives required to support business, people and the local economy in the current crisis;
- Identifying the best measures to enable the economically inactive to get back into work;
- To identify how best to harness and support local innovation;
- To consider how to develop the opportunities available from local tourism; *and*
- To consider how best to support local job creation and retention.

(iii) Hardship, Poverty, Debt and Energy

The main issues for the Hardship, Poverty, Debt and Energy sub-group are around:

- To identify the best initiatives to relieve the social and welfare hardships arising from the economic crisis; *and*
- To identify the best initiatives for combating illegal money lending and helping local people and people in the management of debt.

(iv) Agriculture

The main issues for the Agriculture sub-group are around:

- To consider how best to support the local farming industry through the current crisis; and
- To consider the opportunities for renewables and the Green New Deal.

(v) Banking, Finance and Lending

The main areas for the Banking, Finance and Lending sub-group are around identifying the best means to secure a sufficient flow of credit to support local business and people.

(vi) Housing and Property

The Housing and Property sub-group will work towards identifying the best strategy for meeting the challenges in the local housing and property market.

The group's work will be directed along five distinct themes:

- Preventing repossessions;
- Helping the growing numbers in need of social housing;
- Helping first time buyers;
- Keeping supply on track;
- Helping to support the construction industry

## Membership of each of the six sub-groups

<b>Infrastructure, planning and procurement (i)</b>	<b>Business &amp; Skills (ii)</b>	<b>Hardship, poverty, debt and energy (iii)</b>	<b>Agriculture (v)</b>	<b>Banking, finance and lending (vi)</b>	<b>Housing and property (vii)</b>
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### Abbreviations:

Bol – Bank of Ireland

AP – NI Anti Poverty Network

FSB – Federation of Small Businesses

PG – Phoenix Gas

CoC – NI Chamber of Commerce

UFCU – Ulster Federation of Credit Unions

ILCU – Irish League of Credit Unions

FT – First Trust

NIE – NIE Energy Supply

UFU – Ulster Farmers' Union

NICVA – Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action

AlGrp – Almac Group

CC – Children's Commissioner

ConC – Consumer Council

UB – Ulster Bank

CEF – Construction Employers' Federation

UtilReg – NI Authority for Utility Regulation

NB – Northern Bank

UCIT – Ulster Community Investment Trust

SEN – Social Economy Network

NWH Ltd – North West Housing Ltd

CG Ltd – Carvill Group Ltd

ClG – Construction Industry Group

RICS – Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors

Firm – Firmus Energy

RICS – Royal Institute Chartered Surveyors

NIIRTA – Northern Ireland Independent Retail Trade Association

OPANI – Older Peoples Advocate NI

CEF – Construction Employers Federation

CoHNI – Council for the Homeless NI

NIPSA – NI Public Service Alliance

ICTU – Irish Congress of Trade Union

IndGen – Independent Generator ESB

NILGA – NI Local Government Association

GCD – Griffith College Dublin