

**Sustainable Development Strategy Implementation Plan Steering Group
(SDSIPSG) Meeting - Wednesday, 7 July 2010**

GD14, Stormont Castle

Present:

Junior Minister Newton, Peter King (Special Adviser), John Armstrong (CEF), John Bradley (OFMDFM), Mark Brown (deputising for John Armstrong, CEF), Alastair Curran (NILGA), Olive Hill (Invest NI), Philip Irwin (DFP), Jim Kitchen (SDC), Andy McClenaghan (deputising for John French, Consumer Council), Geoff Smyth (Carbon Trust), Nigel Smyth (CBI), Jim Sutherland (OFMDFM), Heather Whitney (OFMDFM).

Apologies:

Junior Minister Kelly, John French (Consumer Council), Seamus McAleavey (NICVA), Anne-Marie McDevitt (RSPB), John McMullan (Bryson Charitable Group), John O'Farrell (ICTU), Damian Prince (OFMDFM).

1. Opening Statement and Introductions

Junior Minister Newton opened the meeting and welcomed Members. He extended a warm welcome to Alastair Curran, who was joining the Group for the first time, as the sectoral representative for NILGA.

The Minister invited introductions from those in attendance.

2. Apologies

As above.

3. Minutes and matters arising

Minutes agreed.

4. Update from members on sectoral input and actions/Discussion of Implementation Plan Matrix

Members provided an update on their engagement work within their sectors.

Issues identified through the sectoral engagement process included:

The availability of resource to monitor the Implementation Plan

Prioritisation of the strategic objectives

The need for links between business and academia

The need for leadership by the Executive

The need for SMART targets and KPIs

Potential opportunities in the renewable energy field and Northern Ireland's current positioning to take advantage of these

5. Next steps

Action (OFMDFM): Executive paper on the launch of the consultation will be presented on 22 July, with a view to launching the consultation on 26 July, to finish on 5 November.

Public consultation events will occur in a range of locations and both during the day and in the evening.

Action (Steering Group Members): Consider the current draft plan and to provide updates or additions, including in respect of the contribution of their sector by 4pm 15 July.

6. AOB

A half-day awareness session has been scheduled by OFMDFM to take place in Belfast on 29 July. Full details of this event will be circulated shortly to Steering Group members and stakeholders - we would invite you to, through your networks, encourage attendance by as wide a cross-section of potential interested parties as possible.

7. Date of next meeting

TBC