

Belfast Party Leaders Forum, 21st Nov 2012

Present

Councillors T Attwood, M Hendron & W Humphrey
Facilitator - J Huish

1. Governance

- Agreement to principle of 18 month work programme, JH to work up with Chief Executive
- Agreement to regular briefing paper for members based on recent meetings and events and coming issues
- Should outline 4 roles - internal, external, regulatory and area/community
- Seek a briefing paper outlining the principles of three options for December, namely status quo, cabinet model and streamlined committee system - to evolve with legislation
- JH to undertake briefings in Jan 2013
- Need to link in planning developments
- Needs to link to training and Members Academy
- Needs to consider scheme of delegation, member allowances and frequency of meetings

2. Striking the Rate

Those present noted 0% given current economic climate

3. Belfast Investment Fund

- Agreed to further consultation for short period with key stakeholders and further discussion at SP&R
- 50% match funding rate
- Matrix and delegation to be firmed up and clarified before future programmes

4. Ongoing Work Programme

- Agreed as recommended for December through March
- Requests paper outlining current Investment Package delivery, together with series of public events
- Requests paper outlining Leisure Strategy - but broader than just asset usage, to include community facilities and multi-use strategy
- Need to understand organisational and financial resource capacity and implications prior to further programmes