

Party Leaders Forum 161211 Notes

Stimulus / Investment Package

- Process - follow current arrangements of SP&R on 6 Dec & Budget Trans on 11 Dec
- Include PLF on 11 Dec at 11-1 prior to Budget Transformation
- Cross Party Support & Announcement
- Pre-announcement lobbying prior to formal announcement
- Communication agenda

PLF

- To be the front end of policy process
- Process to run as is for remainder of this years budget process
- For future, remove duplication - PLF can invite other members / officers as required
- Need to generate forward work programme based on priority for council process to follow
- Need to establish 15-20 year plan / Belfast 20-20 / vision
- Need to link groups and officers into this planning process
- Need to lobby government around resultant priorities
- Need to establish development programme for PLF, SMT, Groups & Next tier officers
- Need to do letter to staff following stimulus package
- Need to develop City Network - like London Welsh - to promote package

Rate / Package

- Target 2 - 3 % to create £30 - £50m investment package
- Need to create lobbying and communications package round this
- Follow existing P&R / budget transformation meeting schedule

Diversity Meetings

- To follow dates outlined
- Duncan Morrow to facilitate, JH to attend if possible
- DM to produce schedule for agendas based on sensitivities - following discussions with group leaders, ready for discussion at PLF on 11/01/12
- No meetings pre Christmas

Other Issues

- Need to quickly develop programme around apprenticeships, training programmes, procurement process (eg. Manchester) and bursaries - a pilot programme?
- Need to develop a PLF / SMT away day to establish Belfast 20-20 & teamwork
- Need a session to look at European and other funding opportunities
- Need a session to look at Support to Social Economy - CEx to look at Compton report, JH to bring speaker from Wales
- Need to look at title for Hugh Smith - Father of the House - and Freedom of the City
- Next meeting of PLF, 11 Jan 11-1
- Letter from CE to ratings agency
- Presentation required around benefits changes
- Follow upon- governance report.....