

Belfast PLF Notes 2nd August 2012

Present

M Hendron, T Attwood, W Humphrey, J Kyle
Apologies J McVeigh, D Brown

Area Working Group Sessions

- 3 sessions to be held - understanding the area, place shaping and outcomes
- Ambition - to take a more strategic view and joined up view in each area over time, building in wider funding streams and partners
- Possible tensions - who makes decisions - primacy of SP&R, but need agreement on principle of not over-riding area based thinking
- Outcomes of AWGs to be shared with Party Leaders by email, then with Joint Party Leaders and Chairs Forum to ensure that all potential issues arising from the Area Working Groups are resolved before being considered by the SP&R Committee
- Other tensions - captured for further discussion - including linkage with existing strategies, partners, partnership boards etc.

PLF with Chairs

- Every second PLF to be with Chairs, facilitated by JH
- Should try and hold one in September, combined with dinner hosted by Lord Mayor and appropriate Officers

PLF Awayday

To be held at Malone House on 23rd August from 10am

For discussion -

- Role of PLF and wider governance issues, structures, RPA etc
- Members attending external seminars, conferences and meetings - who goes where, why - and feedback process to ensure that learning is brought back
- Longer term vision & values - starting the discussion, involving others
- AWG - update
- PLF - lobbying and promotion strategy
- Leisure Estates
- Investment Package
- Future timetable

Member Development

- PDP & Belfast Members Academy process will be considered by the Member Development Steering Group shortly
- No new members forum - but action learning set ok

AOB

- Suspension of standing orders - should not remove authority of Chair/Mayor - rather, should be specific
- Discussion around nature and processes relating to notices of motion