



24 July 2018
Radisson Blu Hotel, Gasworks
Belfast

Present

Judith Thompson (JT)
John Beggs (JB)
Tina McCann (TMC)
Patricia Stewart (PS)
Alana Fisher (AF)
Karyn Millar (KM)

Jan Crawford
Paul Crawford
Paul Gallagher
Mary Moreland

Paul McCormac
Niall O Murchu
Lesley Veronica
Kathryn Johnston

Jeremy Adams
Sam Wilson
Minty Thompson
Emmett McConomy

Apologies

Donal Dunn
Mina Jadeja
Hazel Deeney

Don Mackay
Denise Mullen
Alan Brecknell

Robert McClenaghan
Carmel Rooney

Outline of Meeting

JT welcomed Forum members to the meeting and gave an introduction to a press release that was being circulated regarding the legacy consultation; she highlighted that the purpose of this was to increase awareness and promote engagement.

She then ran through the agenda and points were raised relating to concerns over the Northern Ireland Office's promotion of the consultation and the pension being treated as a devolved matter yet there was no Assembly. JT advised the Forum that the Commission will be updating advice on the pension at the request of the Secretary of State, Karen Bradley.

AF updated the Forum on the Commission's participation in the Féile an Phobail on 2 August 2018.

Engagement with the Northern Ireland Office and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

The Northern Ireland Office and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade outlined their respective positions in relation to the legacy consultation, then took questions from the Forum.

This is considered as policy under development which will inform the Commission's policy advice to the Secretary to State. This will therefore be published in due course after the consultation period has ended.

Issues discussed included: promotion of the consultation; support and pastoral support for individuals and families who will use the legacy mechanisms; ensuring that the processes are inclusive; engagement with the legacy mechanisms; sequencing of HIU and ICIR processes; use and definition of national security; needs of victims and survivors that are not included in the proposals such as pension for severely injured and outstanding inquests; need for confidence and transparency in processes; information sharing across jurisdictions.

Agreed Actions

- AF to send invitation to Féile an Phobail to the full Forum.
- AF to circulate notes of last two meetings to the full Forum.
- The Northern Ireland Office and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to confirm attendance at the next Forum meeting on 24 August 2018.
- The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to liaise with the Commission in relation to organising/attending legacy consultation events in the Republic of Ireland.