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Local Government Reform Joint Forum

JOINT COMMUNICATION BULLETIN

JOINT FORUM RECONVENED

The first meeting of the reconvened Joint Forum took place on 23rd May. This was in light of the new timetable for local government reform. At the meeting members considered a range of matters related to preparation for implementation of the RPA reform programme.

These included:

- Reviewing the Terms of Reference and Operating Arrangements of the Forum to ensure that they are fit for purpose in respect of the new reform programme.
- Progress on Joint Forum Agreements to date.
- Updating of the Workplan and Timetable for the HR Implementation Issues arising from the reform programme.
- Recruitment and development of staff.

It was agreed that the Sides Leads would continue to progress business in respect of these matters, including updating work in relation to:

- A Model Terms of Reference and Operating Arrangements for Local Consultation and Negotiation Forums at Transition Committee Level.
- A Staff Severance Scheme for Local Government.
- A Draft Scheme of Transfer for Local Government Staff.

MEMBERSHIP

Independent Chair: Paul O'Brien, Chief Executive, APSE

Members of the Joint Forum are:

Employers' Side:
NIJC: Cllr Jim McVeigh, Jill Minne and Roger Wilson
JNC: Cllr Tom Hartley
NICS: Linda MacHugh, plus one vacancy
Other Transferring Functions: Maureen Taggart

Trade Union Side:
NIPSA: Pat Baker, Connor Haughey, Bumper Graham and Ryan McKinney
Unite: Gareth Scott and Jim Parker
GMB: John Dawson

The Sides Leads are: Maureen Taggart and Bumper Graham

Independent Secretariat: Adrian Kerr, Dermot O'Hara, Linda Leahy and Diana Stewart

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Joint Forum will be on Wednesday 19th September 2012.

*"...facilitating
local government
reorganisation...."*

**The next
Joint Forum
meeting
will be held on
Wednesday
19 September 2012**

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