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ACTION POINT (AP) REFERENCE	DETAILS OF THE ACTION POINT	STATUS OF THE ACTION POINT
AP 1: Paragraph 1.3	Identification of Ald Gardiner's replacement on SLB	Done – Cllr Roy Beggs MLA
AP 1: Paragraph 1.5	Minutes of the meeting on 14 th August were agreed. They are to be published (along with papers from the meeting) on DOE and NILGA websites	Done - Minutes published on DOE website
AP 2: Paragraph 2.4	Community Planning Programme of Activities for Transition Committees The Chair stated he would give further consideration to the issue of cross border partnership working in the community planning context.	Advice currently being prepared for the Minister's consideration.

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<p>AP 3: Paragraph 2.5</p>	<p>Community Planning Programme of Activities for Transition Committees</p> <p>It was agreed that PDPA would develop draft Terms of Reference for the establishment of a Regional Task and Finish Group to manage the programme at a strategic level..</p>	<p>These will be considered by the Panel at its next meeting.</p>
<p>AP 4: Paragraph 3.2</p>	<p>Economic Appraisal Report on Assessment of Options for Service Delivery</p> <p>Members confirmed that they agreed they would carefully consider the Economic Appraisal report and would provide their views at the SLB meeting scheduled for 9th December.</p>	<p>Done – A paper on the presentation of Local Government views is tabled at item 3 of the agenda for the meeting on 9th December. (SLB 65a/2009 refers)</p>

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<p>AP 5: Paragraph 3.7</p>	<p>Economic Appraisal Report on Assessment of Options for Service Delivery</p> <p>The Chair stated he would make a statement in the Assembly, publish the report and announce a short period of stakeholder engagement.</p>	<p>Done – On Tuesday 20th October the Chair made a statement to the Assembly, he published the report and announced a short stakeholder engagement for 6 weeks (to the end of November).</p>
<p>AP 6: Paragraph 5.10</p>	<p>Code of Conduct</p> <p>It was agreed that the initial draft of the Code of Conduct would be referred to PDPA for consideration prior to full consultation.</p>	<p>Done - an initial draft of the Code of Conduct has issued to members of PDPA. This is scheduled for discussion at the Panel meeting on 17 December.</p>
<p>AP 7: Paragraph 5.14</p>	<p>Co-option</p> <p>It was agreed that the SLB members would be kept informed of developments.</p>	<p>NIO began a consultation on possible changes to the co-option arrangements both for vacancies that might arise from a severance scheme and for the longer term. The consultation closes on 15 January 2010.</p>

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<p>AP 8 Paragraph 7.5 and Paragraph 8.5</p>	<p>Pension Provision for NICS Staff Transferring to Local Government It was agreed that RTCG (Finance and Estates Implementation Group and Transfer of Functions Working Group) would give further consideration to practical implementation issues including on-costs associated with transfer / temporary transfer of NICS staff.</p>	<p>This was discussed at the secretariat meeting following the SLB and it was agreed there was no input required by FEIG.</p> <p>The Transfer of Functions Working Group is currently considering the detail around each function transferring to local government, which includes staff. Each transferring Department is working closely with Local Gov to identify practical implementation issues and seek solutions. At this early stage the practical issues are just beginning to emerge and discussion will go forward as the Group continues to meet into the New Year.</p>
<p>AP 9: Paragraph 7.8</p>	<p>Arrangements for Striking District Rate for 2011/2012 Members endorsed the paper and agreed that :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOE to take the lead in ensuring that appropriate legislation is in place to support the arrangements; 	<p>) The paper on arrangements for striking the district rate for 2011/2012 was accepted by the RTCG at the meeting on 2 December 2009 and will be put on agenda of the Finance and Estates Implementation Group for its meeting on 16 December 2009.</p>

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<p>AP 9: Paragraph 7.8 continued</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTCG is to take the lead in overseeing implementation of the preferred option; • DOE / NILGA would ensure that the Transition Committees are made aware of how decisions were reached; and • DOE and DFP to take forward further work to examine the potential impact on rate payers and explore measures to avoid significant rises / falls in the rates burden. 	<p>))</p> <p>Update to be provided at SLB meeting on 9th December.</p> <p>To be addressed as part of verbal update on Agenda Item 4 – Funding Mechanisms</p>
<p>AP 10: Paragraph 9.4</p>	<p>Regional Transition Co-ordinating Group</p> <p>Ian Maye stated that he would confirm the date of the next Transition Committee seminar.</p>	<p>The timing and content of the next transition seminar to be agreed between the Joint Secretariat on a needs basis. Seminars to be held when there is a clear need to update TCs in relation to implementation issues/actions (e.g. when the</p>

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<p>AP 10: Paragraph 9.4 continued</p>		<p>community planning guidance is ready for issue – a seminar should be held to ensure TCs understand guidance and have the opportunity to ask questions etc.)</p> <p>Minister is currently engaged in a round of visits to all TCs. PA Consulting are also visiting individual TCs to explain programme reporting arrangements.</p>
<p>AP 11: Paragraph 10.3</p>	<p><u>Review of Local Government Reform Programme Structures</u></p> <p>Ald Hatch stated that firm proposals on the details of how the proposed top up of political representatives for the membership of Regional Transition Committees (RTC) would be achieved would be prepared for the next meeting.</p>	<p>Done – This is addressed at agenda item 10 for the meeting on 9th December. (SLB 71/2009 refers)</p>

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<p>AP 12: Paragraph 11.2</p>	<p>LG Primary Legislation Programme Update</p> <p>Geoff Allister, Chief Executive of Roads Service, stated he would provide members with a copy of the revised timetable for the Local Government (Transfer of Roads Functions Bill)</p>	<p>Done – electronic copy was circulated to members on 19th October</p>
<p>AP 13: Paragraph 14.4</p>	<p>Preparatory Forward Planning Work in Association with Transition Committees</p> <p>DOE Planning Service and NILGA to correspond about the allocations of some resources to support NILGA</p>	<p>DOE Planning Service and NILGA met on Monday 7th December to discuss this issue. Outcome to be reported at SLB meeting on 9th December.</p>

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<p>AP 14: Paragraph 14.4</p>	<p>Preparatory Forward Planning Work in Association with Transition Committees</p> <p>DOE Planning Service to consider the proposal that it be represented on DSD's Steering Group for Master Plan Strategy.</p> <p>Further consideration would also be given by DOE Planning Service on the proposal to establish a Pilot Study Steering Group.</p>	<p>DOE Planning Service and DSD officials met on 27th November 2009 to discuss the Master Plan Strategy. Outcome to be reported at SLB meeting on 9th December.</p> <p>DOE Planning Service has / or is in the process of engaging with the 3 relevant Transition Committees to set up appropriate structures including pilot study steering groups.</p>
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