

VOLUNTARY REGIONAL TRANSITION COMMITTEE AND MANAGEMENT TEAM

Agenda Item: 5

Summary: Proposals for establishing a voluntary Regional Transition Committee (RTC) and Regional Transition Management Team (RTMT).

Action: To agree the constitution of and proposals for, setting up the voluntary RTC.

BACKGROUND

1. Members will recall at the last SLB meeting, held on 25 February 2010, it was agreed that consideration should be given to establishing a voluntary RTC and RTMT, supported by the Joint Secretariat, as an interim measure to progress regional issues.

CURRENT POSITION

2. At a joint NILGA and SoLACE Transition Committee engagement event held on 12 March 2010, options were presented for establishing a vRTC and vRTMT. (Options attached at Annex A). It was agreed that subject to the formal endorsement of the Transition Committees a vRTC should be established without delay and should be constituted as follows:

- a. 11 Voluntary Transition Committee Representatives (Chair or substitute)
- b. 5 NILGA SLB representatives
- c. Small Top up if required to give political balance
- d. Supported by Joint Secretariat

3. Nine out of 11 Transition Committees have now endorsed the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached at Annex B. It should be noted that Newtownabbey/Antrim Transition Committee is meeting to discuss the proposals on 13 April 2010. An oral update will be provided at the SLB meeting.

4. If SLB members agree, the Joint Secretariat will co-ordinate arrangements to finalise membership and set up the first meeting of the RTC.
5. The RTC will comprise at least 16 elected members including five NILGA representatives on the SLB (one from each political party) plus one representative from each of the 11 transition committees. Any requirement for additional elected member representation shall be assessed when the representative from each vTC has been confirmed.
6. Key issues for agreement at the first meeting of the vRTC will be appropriate governance arrangements and consideration of the proposals for establishing a vRTMT.

RECOMMENDATION

7. It is recommended that SLB members agree
 - the proposals for constituting a vRTC;
 - that arrangements should now be put in place to set up the first meeting of the Group.

JOINT SECRETARIAT
April 2010

Voluntary Regional Transition Committee

Option 1

- 11 TC Chairs
- 5 NILGA SLB representatives
- Small Top up if required to give political balance
- Supported by Joint Secretariat

Option 2

- 11 TC representatives
- 5 NILGA SLB representatives
- Small Top up if required to give political balance
- Supported by Joint Secretariat

Option 3

- NILGA Executive acts as proxy RTC
- Supported by Joint Secretariat

Voluntary Regional Transition Management Team

Option A

- Chair – DoE
- 1 Representative Chief Exec from each new council area
- 1 Representative from each key departments
- Supported by Joint Secretariat

Option B

- Chair – DoE
- 26 Chief Executives
- 1 Representative from each key department
- Supported by Joint Secretariat

Option C

- Chair – DoE
- Use SOLACE as a proxy organisation
- 1 Representative from each key department
- Supported by Joint Secretariat

Annex B

VOLUNTARY TRANSITION COMMITTEE RESPONSES TO PROPOSALS FOR VOLUNTARY REGIONAL TRANSITION COMMITTEE.

New Council Groupings	Endorse VRTC?	Comments
1. Antrim Borough Council Newtownabbey Borough Council		Not meeting until 13 April 2010
2. Ards Borough Council North Down Borough Council	Yes	Further clarity regarding governance and representation issues
3. Armagh City & District Banbridge District Council Craigavon Borough Council	Yes	No additional comments
4. Ballymoney Borough Council Coleraine Borough Council Limavady Borough Council Moyle District Council	Yes	Agreed in principle subject to further detail.
5. Ballymena Borough Council Larne District Council Carrickfergus Borough Council	Yes	No additional comments.
6. Belfast City Council	Yes	Further clarification required on role and voting rights of NILGA SLB members
7. Castlereagh Borough Council Lisburn City Council	No	Neither Lisburn City Council full meeting (29/3/10) nor Castlereagh Borough Council full meeting (25/3/10) agreed the vTC minutes so proposal not approved.
8. Cookstown District Council Dungannon & South Tyrone BC Magherafelt District Council	Yes	Any top up is kept to a minimum Nominees are Elected Members who already play an active role in a Transition Committee.
9. Derry City Council Strabane District Council	Yes	No additional comments.
10. Down District Council Newry & Mourne District Council	Yes	No additional comments.
11. Fermanagh District Council Omagh District Council	Yes	Broadly content with proposals 4