

North Belfast Partnership

Working Seminar on Neighbourhood Renewal

Tuesday 6th June 2006 2.00 to 5.00

- **Functions of the seminar**

- This seminar is organised by the North Belfast Partnership to facilitate the development of Neighbourhood Renewal in the area. The process of implementing *People and Place* has been a slow one although progress is being made in the designation of areas, baselining conditions and establishing structures. The purpose of the afternoon is to discuss in more detail the issues that are relevant to the *operationalisation* of the strategy in the north of the city.

- **Outcomes**

- The seminar does not aim to provide definitive answers to all the development questions raised. Rather, it highlights the need to address a series of integrated issues relevant to the implementation of the approach in North Belfast. The issues raised here include: the strategic approach; planning framework; community consultation; governance and organisational working; skills and competencies; and operational systems and procedures. This list is not exhaustive but aims to open a conversation about the scope and nature of the work that needs to be put in place in order to get the strategy on the ground as soon as possible.

- **Worksheets**

- The worksheets are a guide, they do not need to be completed but serve to provide background information, stimulate thinking and structure the discussion. They are there for you to use or not use in advance of the seminar. You will see that we propose to talk about them under three broad headings and to have an open and informed debate about your experiences and priorities for action.

- **Next steps**

- The results of the seminar will be summarised by the North Belfast Partnership and distributed to participants. However, it is also important that the agenda is delivered with partners, including the *Department for Social Development* to ensure that progress can be made in supporting the implementation of the approach.

Structure of the seminar

2.15-2.30 Introduction

2.30-3.15 Theme 1 Strategic planning *(see sheets 1, 2 and 3)*

3.15-3.45 Theme 2 Governance *(see sheets 4 and 5)*

3.45-4.00 *Coffee*

4.00-4.30 Theme 3 Systems and procedures *(see sheets 6 and 7)*

4.30.-5.00pm Plenary session



Questions to be addressed

- Theme 1 Strategic planning
 - What are the critical issues that you feel should be developed in the context of Neighbourhood Renewal, especially in terms of the balance between the 4 objectives and the suggested approach to programme integration
 - Do you think that it is right to emphasise Brownfield development and an interface policy approach
 - How do you think the economic development and labour market agenda is best taken forward
- Theme 2 Governance
 - What should the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership look like in your area, given the diversity of approaches and the presence of other structures in North Belfast
 - How and on what issues should partnerships work together
 - How do you feel the local community should be consulted and involved in the process
- Theme 3 Systems and procedures
 - What core skills do you feel NRP staff need in order to deliver a regeneration agenda in your designated area
 - What performance indicators are required to ensure that the projects and programme effects are assessed fairly and robustly

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