

**WESTERN INVESTING FOR HEALTH PARTNERSHIP****29<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF PARTNERSHIP BOARD****10.00AM, THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2009  
THE GASYARD CENTRE, L'DERRY**

<b>Chair:</b>	<i>Paddy Cosgrove</i>	<i>Strabane District Council</i>
<b>Secretariat:</b>	<i>Ailish O'Neill</i>	<i>Western Investing for Health</i>
<b>Present:</b>	<i>Deirdre McNamee</i>	<i>University of Ulster</i>
	<i>Conor Keys</i>	<i>Omagh FOCUS</i>
	<i>Fiona Douglas</i>	<i>WGEH (Rep)</i>
	<i>Paul McNaught</i>	<i>DSD</i>
	<i>Robert Gibson</i>	<i>Fermanagh District Council</i>
	<i>Noel Crawford</i>	<i>Limavady Borough Council</i>
	<i>Tony Doherty</i>	<i>Bogside &amp; Brandywell Health Forum</i>
	<i>John Moore</i>	<i>DARD</i>
	<i>Caroline Ferguson</i>	<i>Fermanagh New Horizons</i>
	<i>Josephine Hasson</i>	<i>WELB</i>
	<i>Eamon O'Kane</i>	<i>Derry Healthy Cities</i>
	<i>Monica Coyle</i>	<i>Omagh Forum for Rural Associations</i>
	<i>John McGarvey</i>	<i>WHSC</i>
	<i>Fiona Murphy</i>	<i>Omagh Womens Aid</i>
	<i>Linda Watson</i>	<i>CAW/Nelson Drive Action Group</i>
	<i>Muriel Bailey</i>	<i>Dry Arch Centre (Rep)</i>
<b>In Attendance:</b>	<i>Dr Eddie Rooney</i>	<i>Public Health Agency</i>
	<i>Denise O'Hagan</i>	<i>Public Health Agency</i>
	<i>Brendan Bonner</i>	<i>WIFH, Public Health Agency</i>
	<i>Séamus Mullen</i>	<i>WIFH, Public Health Agency</i>
	<i>Martin Duffy</i>	<i>WIFH, Public Health Agency</i>
	<i>Colette Brolly</i>	<i>WHAZ, Public Health Agency</i>
	<i>Siobhan Sweeney</i>	<i>WHAZ, Public Health Agency</i>
	<i>Julie McGinty</i>	<i>WHAZ, Public Health Agency</i>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<i>Phillip O'Doherty</i>	<i>Derry City Council</i>
	<i>Maggie Reilly</i>	<i>Patient &amp; Client Council</i>
	<i>David Davis</i>	<i>Strabane &amp; District Community Net.</i>
	<i>Brendan Adams</i>	<i>NIHE</i>
	<i>Jeff Barr</i>	<i>Koram Centre</i>
	<i>Barry McDowell</i>	<i>NIFRS</i>
	<i>Seamus McCaffrey</i>	<i>Matrix</i>
	<i>Joni Millar</i>	<i>WIFH, Public Health Agency</i>
	<i>Cathy Mullan</i>	<i>WIFH, Public Health Agency</i>

<p><b>1.0</b></p>	<p><b>Conflict of Interest</b></p>	<p><i>The Chair started the meeting by reminding the Partnership of the Conflict of Interest Policy:</i></p> <p><i>A conflict of interest policy has been adopted by the IFH Partnership to cover all business at full Partnership and sub-group meetings. This is to ensure that no Partnership member or Co-optee can influence decisions in any way that may be to his or her advantage, and acts as a protection to members against any allegation that they may have used their position to their own advantage. A copy of this policy is in your Partnership Handbook.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Where a member is aware of a direct conflict of interest, they should remove themselves from the room and take no further part in any discussions.</i></li> <li>• <i>Where a member is aware of an indirect personal interest, the member should then take no further part in any discussion.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Where specific interest in your respective sectors of work are apparent, you should identify this and other Partnership members or Co-optees should weigh their comments in the light of their declared interest.</i></p>	
<p><b>2.0</b></p>	<p><b>Welcome</b></p>	<p><i>The Chair welcomed everyone to the 29th meeting of the Western Investing for Health Partnership and gave a special welcome to Dr Eddie Rooney, Chief Executive of the new Public Health Agency.</i></p> <p><b><u>Welcome by DSD</u></b>  <i>Paul McNaught gave a short presentation outlining the work of the North West Development Office of DSD. This included the aim, background, delivery of Neighbourhood Renewal, primary targets, implementation and various examples of work that they have done and proposals they have in motion.</i></p>	
<p><b>3.0</b></p>	<p><b>Apologies</b></p>	<p><i>Brendan Bonner noted the apologies on Page 1.</i></p>	

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4.0	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b>	<i>Everyone present agreed that the minutes taken were a true reflection of the meeting that took place on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009.</i>	
5.0	<b>Matters Arising</b>	<i>Everyone present were happy with the matters arising from the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March.</i>	
6.0	<b>2008-2009 WIFH Activity Report</b>	<p><i>Conor Keys and Deirdre McNamee outlined the various activities of WIFH during the past year. The report circulated incorporated not only the work of the IFH Partnership, but also the wider Health Improvement Team within the West and the work they have done in committing to take forward the Investing for Health Strategy. This includes projects such as Field to Fork, 'Da' Young Fathers, the LIFE programme, Roadwise, Rafael, Health Promoting Homes, Fuel Poverty/Warm Zones and Physical Activity and Older People.</i></p> <p><i>Denise and Conor concluded by outlining the importance of a partnership approach giving real and meaningful health and wellbeing outcomes, enabling achievement at organisational, community and an individual level.</i></p> <p><i>The Chair thanked Conor and Deirdre for their presentation and reiterated that all the Investing for Health projects are only successful through their partnership working across all sectors.</i></p>	
7.0	<b>Membership Issues</b>	<p><i>The Chair noted that Jeff Barr will be missing a few meetings as he has just had a major operation and asked that our very best wishes be sent to Jeff.</i></p> <p><i>The Chair also announced that Paddy McEldowney has had to resign</i></p>	<b>Brendan Bonner</b>

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		<p><i>from the Partnership due to growing work commitments. Easilift have taken on the work that was formerly done by Foyle Connect with the same staffing and resources so Paddy does not have the time to commit to the full Partnership. He is however going to continue to be involved with the Transport Forum and a letter of acknowledgment has been sent to Paddy for his contribution to the Partnership.</i></p> <p><i>Seamus McCaffrey from the Private Sector has also had to step down from the Management Committee but he has confirmed he will stay on board as a member of the full Partnership.</i></p> <p><i>Maggie Reilly was welcomed back to the Partnership, as she will now be representing the Patient &amp; Client Council.</i></p> <p><i>Regarding Private Sector representation, the Chair told the group that we continue to endeavor to seek new representation, and are working with Business in the Community for a replacement for Pat Carroll, but are also talking to the Chamber of Commerce regarding other opportunities for other representatives to come on board.</i></p>	
8.0	<b>IFH &amp; Partnership Working</b>	<p><i>The Chair highlighted that this is a very unique and exciting time, and also a time of real opportunities to build on the good work that has been done in the past and build off the learning and how we can take this forward.</i></p> <p><i>Tony Doherty continued to give a very short history of where this Partnership has come from and outlined how it actually work, for example, co-chairing, annual review, forward planning, terms of reference, accountability framework, the induction process and the decision-making process.</i></p> <p><i>Eddie Rooney was then invited to give his views on the role of the Public</i></p>	

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		<p><i>Health Agency and Investing for Health.</i></p> <p><i>Dr Rooney began by thanking those present for the opportunity to meet and hear what's going on in the West. He highlighted as this was only week 9 of the existence of the PHA it is taking some time to bed down, especially with the ongoing Swine Flu problem that hit on week 3. This initial period has been crucial to focus on what the Agency is about and tie down the 4 areas of responsibility – health improvement, health protection, commissioning health and service development. There is a budget of £80million and what's left of the £4billion that is allocated to the wider health sector and he should have his budget by the next week. In relation to local commissioning, the Local Commissioning Groups are required to collaborate with the PHA and the Regional Board cannot follow through with any of their plans unless they are also signed off by the Agency.</i></p> <p><i>For the first year of the Agency the bulk of what they will be doing will be what they have inherited through previous plans. Health inequalities will however be a key driver for the Agency and narrowing the gap, this will require a change of culture for some agencies to look at PFA targets but targets can't be reached alone, there has to be engagement from a wide range of people and stakeholders to make a connection at a local level. There is a genuine willingness for the PHA to move in this direction but success very much depends on engagement with everyone to make an impact at a local level. Since IFH already is this model there is no point in re-inventing the wheel.</i></p> <p><i>Eamon O'Kane asked Dr Rooney how WIFH can commit to its agenda in the coming year if they don't know what the Northern Ireland commitments are? Dr Rooney replied to keep doing what they are doing until the PHA have bedded down their action plans. Work has to continue locally as well as regionally. The PHA do not want to stop good work continuing but everyone needs to be working in the same direction.</i></p>	

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		<p><i>Josephine Hasson commented that that the Life programme and Roadwise programme are both excellent interventions for young people. There are however concerns around teenage pregnancies and services for young people, which teachers feel under-confident about addressing so Josephine queried if there will be resources made available to improve this support.</i></p> <p><i>Dr Rooney replied that there needs to be clarification on what actual capacity exists. There should be a closer relationship with Education and should move towards where capacity is strongest as there will be a better chance of success. Moving in a system-wide approach will meaning hitting all obstacles at one time. There needs to be successful models in both Health and Education so that full impact can be made.</i></p> <p><i>John McGarvey asked Dr Rooney what relationship he foresees the PHA putting in place to priorities health improvement across the Province?</i></p> <p><i>Dr Rooney replied that he was part of the original Inter-departmental Group in Public Health that was set up in 1997. Work is vital at one level but falls down at the implementation stage. There is a lot of commonality across departmental agendas but this needs to be joined up and taken it down geographically. Although a regional dimension is compulsory, so is local community and the biggest drive is local connection and local outcomes.</i></p> <p><i>John McGarvey added that a lot of good projects may not exist in the C &amp; V sector if the funding stream does not stay there.</i></p> <p><i>Dr Rooney relied that they are working on the McGimpsey model highlighting inequalities etc. but politics often depends on what is current not in building strong foundations.</i></p>	

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		<p><i>Paddy Cosgrove asked if the IFH Strategy is still going to be in place?</i></p> <p><i>Dr Rooney replied that the IFH Strategy still works on the ground and will continue to stay in place until something different is developed. The 4 Partnerships are not uniform however so some parts of the IFH family need to be welded together. The Strategy is up for review shortly by DHSSPS but the PHA will be involved in this review. He cautioned that this is not the time to be complacent; it is a time to celebrate and sell the work of the Partnership.</i></p> <p><i>In respect of funding, Paddy Cosgrove added that WIFH have a 3-year plan and have made financial commitments on this basis, he is concerned about the commitment already made to the C &amp; V sector and if there will be a need for exit strategies if the funding does not follow through.</i></p> <p><i>Dr Rooney replied that there is uncertainty for everyone and stability has to be implemented asap. When the PHA knows their final budget in the coming weeks there will be more information to work on. Work is what should be exemplifying the Agency but until figures are finalised there will still be uncertainty. This will be stabilised asap though so that people can plan ahead.</i></p>	
9.0	<b>Forward Planning Workshop</b>	<p><i>Tony Doherty referred to a summary paper in the pack and asked members for their views in terms of how they would like to see the Forward Planning Workshop rollout in October. He also asked for a replacement for Paddy McEldowney on the Workshop subgroup.</i></p> <p><i>Those present agreed with the outline paper and John McGarvey agreed to sit on the subgroup.</i></p>	

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		<i>The full planning could not proceed until PHA Dr Rooney / Dr Harper approved the funding.</i>	<b>PHA</b>
<b>10.0</b>	<b><i>DARD Proposal</i></b>	<p><i>The Chair told the group that WIFH had significant success with the Rural Priority Wards pilot, which was done in partnership with the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, the local community and a number of other statutory and voluntary organisations. Based on the success of that initiative and the resulting evaluation, DARD asked WIFH / HAZ to develop a proposal to tackle poverty through improved access to benefits and services for vulnerable rural dwellers. He commended Colette, Siobhan and Brendan on the significant amount of work in drawing up the proposal, which has now been forwarded to the PHA to take forward.</i></p> <p><i>Colette outlined the proposal and remarked that it is encouraging to hear how the PHA will move forward and asked for commitment from the Investing for Health Partnership for year 2 of the project (2010/2011) for £50,000.</i></p> <p><i>Eamon proposed this commitment and Paul McNaught seconded it. Colette will now move forward with the proposal.</i></p>	<b>Colette Brolly</b>
<b>11.0</b>	<b><i>Derry Healthy Cities WHO Process</i></b>	<p><i>The Chair told the group that Derry Healthy Cities have been actively involved in WIFH since 2002 and the project itself has been in existence considerably longer than the IFH Strategy. Derry Healthy Cities are now reviewing the options of going forward for World Health Organisation designation and to formally become a registered Healthy City within the European context.</i></p> <p><i>Eamon O’Kane continued to outline the proposal and the role for</i></p>	



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		<p><i>Partnerships, DSD and the Western Trust and it is now at a stage where a draft application for significant funding to tackle health improvement has been developed.</i></p> <p><i>Brendan proceeded to take the group through the proposal in more detail and the Ministers approach to Neighbourhood Renewal.</i></p> <p><i>The Chair told the group and Dr Rooney that in the past the WHSSB Chief Executive would have signed off this proposal so a mechanism needs to be put in place for the current co-chairs to sign-off such proposals.</i></p> <p><i>Dr Rooney reiterated that there are currently no budgets so the PHA is unable to sign off such proposals. He will however discuss the issue with the co-chairs following the meeting to see how it can move through the system.</i></p> <p><i>The Chair asked for endorsement from the Partnership for the proposal to go ahead. John Moore proposed the endorsement and Fiona Douglas seconded it.</i></p>	<p><b>Co-Chairs</b></p> <p><b>Brendan Bonner</b></p>
14.0	<b>2009/11 Action Plan</b>	<p><i>The Chair highlighted a summary of the financial elements and a more detailed Action Plan in the meeting pack. A real commitment has been given in the past to innovative ways of tackling some of the issues faced in the West and the plan for the next two years is very much looking again at building on expertise, experience and learning and taking forward a number of those initiatives which IFH have already invested significant time, resources and support in.</i></p> <p><i>There are also a couple of areas to look at additional investment to take forward projects and it is particularly important through this period of transition a robust plan is in place so that Partners and the community</i></p>	

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		<p><i>are aware that IFH continue to be committed to take forward the Investing for Health Strategy.</i></p> <p><i>The Chair highlighted that all plans are only to be considered as draft until the Public Health Agency come up with their full corporate plan.</i></p> <p><i>He continued by asking Dr Rooney for some clarity in relation to this process, and ensuring that IFH can continue with the actions already committed to and ensuring they are rolled out over the next 2 years.</i></p> <p><i>Dr Rooney commented that the PHA is a huge advocate of IFH but their budget needs to be in place before commitment can be given. The PHA is holding their planning day on 20<sup>th</sup> June, which the IFH Manager and HAZ Manager will be attending and Brendan will feed back to the Partnership following this.</i></p>	<p><b>Brendan Bonner</b></p>
<p><b>15.0</b></p>	<p><b>2009 Media Awards Winners</b></p>	<p><i>The Chair told the meeting that one of the most innovative initiatives that IFH have been involved in has been the Media Student Public Health Awards. The awards have been going on for 5 years and they have been a real success, both in terms of outcomes for the participants and also for Partners and organisations in terms of the learning from the process and the materials that have emerged that we have been able to use in a range of public information campaigns, consultations and conferences.</i></p> <p><i>Mary Loughery, a Public Health Nurse within the Public Health Agency and a panel member proceeded to outline her experience of this years awards and highlighted the 2009 winners.</i></p> <p><i>Caroline Ferguson asked if the materials would be available for IFH Partnership to use. Brendan confirmed that the DVD's have already been used in a number of campaigns and they are available in the IFH office and also on the website. All materials belong to the IFH</i></p>	

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		<p><i>Partnership to use as they please.</i></p> <p><i>Josephine Hasson commended the standard of work and told the group that the Education Board are now looking to develop it.</i></p> <p><i>The Chair suggested that entries are shown at the next Partnership meeting so that the Partners can see them.</i></p> <p><i>Denise O'Hagan cautioned that in respect of suicide posters, it can be a very delicate subject and the Mental Health Panel should approve any materials before they are used. Mary Loughery replied that guidance is provided in respect of suicide in the brief for the Media Awards.</i></p>	<p><b>Joni Millar</b></p>
16.0	2009 CEO Forum	<p><i>The Chair told the group that this year's event takes place this Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> June in the Beech Hill Country House Hotel and encouraged all Statutory Partners to ensure that their Chief Officer, or in their absence, another Senior Official, is present for the event.</i></p> <p><i>A full report of the 2009 Chief Executive Forum will be available for the September Partnership meeting.</i></p>	<p><b>Brendan Bonner</b></p>
17.0	Update Reports	<p><i>No issues were raised in relation to the update reports on the activities from the 4 subgroups and the Health Action Zone for the past quarter.</i></p>	
18.0	Any Other Business	<p><i>There were no further issues raised.</i></p>	
19.0	Date of Next Meetings	<p><i>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2009 at 10am in the Committee Room, Fermanagh District Council Offices</i></p> <p><i>The Chair finished by thanking all those present, and particularly the Gasyard Centre for hosting the meeting and Dr Eddie Rooney for attending and informing the group in respect of the Public Health Agency.</i></p>	



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