



Briefing from Council meeting held on 7 February 2017

The meeting was chaired by Diana Kloss and the following items discussed:

Update on Council projects:

Occupational Health Workforce Planning Group

A request had been received for the Council to approve a stakeholder meeting on 19 May 2017 to consider the next stage of the OH Workforce project. The request was accepted and further feedback would be given following the meeting.

Council Strategic Review session - 29 September 2016

A paper had been circulated showing that a key result of the session was that the Council needed to exploit the multi-disciplinary expertise of the Council membership.

Council Sub-Group meeting - 20 January 2017

Notes of the meeting held on 20 January 2017 had been circulated. It was noted there was a need for the Council to have a more defined focus.

It was also noted that there are many groups in this area and the question was how to enhance the Council's function. There was a need for this work but more resources were required.

The audience for the new sub-group project was considered and who the beneficiaries of the work would be now, and in the future.

It was noted that a detailed protocol would be required to enable the Council to bid for funding. Next steps were noted as follows:

- a. Bidding to deliver specific products as a 'delivery partner' for the DWP/DH
- b. To link with private sector companies to ask for funding, e.g. for an improved website.
- c. To link with BITC and ACAS to facilitate joint working.
- d. Discussion should take place with the DH-DWP Joint Unit as to where the Council for Work and Health sat in stakeholder mapping and to identify any gaps in roles.

Communications update

Council members were invited to submit a blog for the website.

Chair succession planning

It was noted that the appointment of a Chair for the Council following Diana Kloss's retirement was on-going. A further update would be given to Council at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Council will take place on Wednesday 17 May 2017.