



### **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.**