

MUTUALS TASKFORCE MEETING
Wednesday 18 April, 2012
22 Whitehall
15.30 – 17.30

MINUTES

Attendees

Chair: Julian Le Grand Patrick Lewis
Rachel Wolf Nita Clarke
Ed Mayo
Crown Commercial Representative for Mutuals

Officials

Head of Mutuals Programme
OCS Officials

Apologies

Pete Marsh Peter Holbrook
Iain Hasdell Donna Fallows
Jo Pritchard

Welcome and introductions

Chair's Update

No update from Chair – straight to business of meeting

Update from the Cabinet Office

- Right to provide - CO working closely with Departments.
- Community Right to Challenge was due to go live in April
- Senior Official leading Procurement policy to be invited to a Taskforce meeting
- Open Public Services update published

Update from Stephen Kelly

- Launch of MyCSP imminent

MTF Report

Work on recommendations.

- Five clear areas of interest for recommendations emerged from the feedback from the Taskforce.
 1. Commissioning & Procurement – including, training, guidance and advice for commissioners.
 2. Awareness of Rights to Provide and the support available

3. Access to finance and tax barriers

- 4. Implementing Rights to Provide and creating clear pathways – e.g for departments to include commitment to mutuals in departmental plans
- 5. Support for staff spinning out

Action

- Chair may work with individual members of the Taskforce to draft recommendations and send around in advance of next meeting.
- Taskforce agreed to work closely with Graeme Nuttall and BIS on any overlapping issues.