

CROSS SECTOR ADVISORY FORUM

Terms of Reference

The cross sector advisory forum (CSAF) is an informal and ad hoc advisory group which will meet under the chair of the First Minister and deputy First Minister to review the local impact of the current economic downturn on local people and businesses. The purpose of the group shall be to make recommendations for addressing problems arising from the economic crisis.

Powers

The group is completely informal and advisory.

Duration

The First Minister and deputy First Minister will keep the existence of the group under review to assess the need for on-going meetings.

Frequency of Meetings

The group can be convened at any time by the First Minister and deputy First Minister. However, it is envisaged that there is likely to be four meetings each year.

Membership

Membership of the forum is by invitation from the First Minister and deputy First Minister. Membership can be changed at any time by OFMDFM and individual members may resign from the group without notice. Membership is voluntary and without remuneration.

Members: Cross Sector Advisory Forum

- 4 reps from the banking sector (representing the 4 local banks)
- 2 reps from the construction sector 1 nominated by CEF and 1 nominated by Construction Industry Group
- 2 reps from the business sector nominated by Business Alliance
- 2 reps from the TUs, 1 nominated by NICICTU and 1 nominated by NIPSA
- 1 rep from the office of the energy regulator
- 1 rep from the Consumer Council
- 1 rep each from Phoenix, Firmus and NIE (as these 3 are regulated)
- 1 rep from the energy generators
- 1 rep each from the ILCU and UFCU
- Children's Commissioner
- Older Person's Advocate
- 1 rep from the Ulster Farmers Union
- 1 rep from the Small Business Federation
- 1 rep from Local Government nominated by NILGA
- 2 reps from voluntary/community sector 1 nominated by NICVA, 1 nominated by the Anti-Poverty Network
- 4 nominees of OFMDFM