



**MUTUALS TASKFORCE MEETING**  
**Thursday 7 April 2011**  
**22 Whitehall**  
**16.30 – 18.30**

**MINUTES**

**Attendees**

Chair: Julian Le Grand  
 Jo Pritchard  
 Patrick Lewis

Peter Marsh  
 Patrick Burns  
 Rachel Wolf

**Officials**

Director of Commercial  
 Officials from OCS and Procurement Policy Team  
 Senior official Department of Health  
 No.10 official

**Apologies**

Peter Holbrook  
 Donna Fallows  
 Ed Mayo

Nita Clarke

**Welcome and introductions**

**Right to Provide – Department of Health Launch**

Official from Department of Health provided an overview of the Right to Request, recent announcement on Right to Provide and the Social Enterprise Investment Fund (SEIF).

OCS to provide DH with definitions. DH will then identify which Right to Request organisations fit into the Taskforce's definition of a mutual.

DH requested the Taskforce input on ideas to ensure sustainability of the SEIF loan book beyond 2011/12.

The Taskforce to engage with the Foundation Trust Network.

**Cabinet Office – Director of Commercial Models**

Provided an overview of his teams work, including the tri-party structures (employee, government and private equity stake).

**Cross cutting barriers – Procurement<sup>1</sup>**

Procurement team official presented paper.

Further comments to be sent to OCS with the next week.

The paper to be supplemented with good practice guidance on creating viable businesses.

**Cross cutting barriers – VAT**

OCS official presented draft VAT paper.

Officials to discuss further with Mutuals Taskforce members.

OCS officials to develop the paper further and present at the next meeting.

**Revised Definitions**

Agreed to retain employee ownership, rather than to change to membership ownership.

Social Enterprise reference to be replaced by ‘not for dividend’ organisations.

Agreed that most GP practices would not be defined as mutuals. OCS officials to refresh figures.

**AOB**

Agreed to discuss Pensions at the next Taskforce meeting.

<sup>1</sup> Procurement Paper is available at: <http://mutuals.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/>