

**UKSPF Partnership Group**  
**17 September 10.30am- 11.45am**  
**Erskine House Belfast**

**Members attending**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Sector</b>
John Osborne (chair)	MHCLG	UK government
James Dillon (representing Prof Sir Ian Greer)	Queen's University Belfast	Higher education/skills
Valerie McConville	CO3	Voluntary & community
Adrian McCreesh (remotely)	SOLACE (Mid Ulster District)	Local government
Sandra Bailie (representing Celine McStravick remotely)	NICVA	Voluntary & community
Suzanne Wylie	NI Chamber of Commerce	Business
Lisa Toland (representing John Walsh)	SOLACE (Belfast City Council)	Local government
Gabrielle Wickham (remotely)	NIO	UK government

**Ministers in attendance**

Alex Norris MP	Minister for Local Growth, MHCLG	UK government
Fleur Anderson MP	Minister for Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland Office	UK government

**Secretariat**

The meeting was supported by MHCLG staff – Chris Taylor, Chris Moore, Benjamin Ekpenyong (Remotely), Christine Robinson.

**Apologies**

Apologies were received from Professor Sir Ian Greer (Queens University Belfast – represented by James Dillon), John Walsh (represented by Lisa Toland) and Celine McStravick (Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action, represented by Sandra Bailie).

**1. Chair's welcome**

The Chair welcomed members and nominees to the eleventh UKSPF Northern Ireland Partnership Group meeting and welcomed and thanked Minister Norris and Minister Anderson for attending the meeting to hear the insight and feedback from members on UKSPF delivery.

**2. UKSPF Update**

DLUHC officials provided an overview and recap of UKSPF delivery since funding announcement in 2022 including delivery timelines, budgetary information and key targets.

**3. Round Table Discussion**

The chair facilitated a group discussion with ministers and the partnership group on UKSPF, focusing on impact of the fund with various sectors and communities, opportunities to improve fund design, and future funding.

**4. AOB**

None.

**5. Date of next meeting**

Members agreed that the next meeting will be scheduled in November (time and date tbc).