

## **Attendees**

- Minister Hardy (EH)
- Jon Richards (JR)
- Donna Rowe-Merriman (DRM)
- Nicola Bettsworth (NB)

## **Readout**

- EH outlined plans for merged regulator, and timeline of longer period of transition. Supports EA and recognises the good work they do and would like to ensure that EA staff have the support to keep this going. Currently not certain on details and will be happy to work with Unions on developing specifics over development period.
- DRM helpful to know that decisions have not been made on details. Difficulty with collective bargain and pensions - Unison, whilst recognised for civil service pay bargaining, have not pursued this before. Some members prefer to be non-civil servants. Unison is meeting Phil Duffy next week and holding all staff meetings this week.
- EH keen to keep conversations open and reassure members.
- NB agreed with EH in supporting continued transparency & collaborative conversations.