Minutes of DfT Executive Committee

Date: Tuesday 11 May 2010
Time: 0900-0930
Venue: Room 5/13, Great Minster House

Attendees:
Robert Devereux (Chair)
Mike Mitchell
Bronwyn Hill
Richard Hatfield
Steve Gooding
Clare Moriarty
Christopher Muttukumaru
xxxxx (Private Office)
xxxxx (Secretariat)

Apologies:

Item 1: General Round-Up

1. It had been agreed that the time would best be used to discuss the current situation regarding the post-election negotiations between the political parties and their potential implications for DfT.

2. ExCo satisfied itself that adequate introductory briefing was in hand for the potential scenarios of a) a minority Conservative administration; b) a Conservative/Liberal Democrat coalition and c) a Labour/Liberal Democrat coalition. Robert Devereux would be circulating all three introductory notes to ExCo members and the Board Secretariat.

   Action: Robert Devereux

3. Work was also in hand to explain to new Ministers potential ways in which DfT might contribute in the event of early cuts to public expenditure.

4. It was agreed that some of the timescales for Ministerial decisions may have to be amended due to no Ministers having yet been appointed and due to their possibly not having a clear mandate. DGs agreed to ask the authors of their sections of the election briefing to look at these timings and to be prepared to change them once the composition of the new Government was known.

   Action: DGs

5. ExCo also discussed briefly the Public and Commercial Services union’s successful Judicial Review into the previous Government’s reforms to the civil service compensation scheme. No decision had yet been taken as to whether to appeal against this outcome.

The names of non-SCS staff have been redacted in accordance with DfT’s publication policy.
6. All DGs and Christopher Muttukumaru were urged to contact HR Director Mervyn Thomas if they had urgent work for which they currently had no or inadequate SCS resources or SCS members who were very keen to move. Mervyn would be meeting Robert Devereux later in the day.

   Action: DGs/Christopher Muttukumaru

7. DGs were also asked to speak to key members of their staff who may be required to be available during the coming weekend to support new Ministers, should they have been appointed before then.

   Action: DGs

8. It was agreed that directors should have ready for new Ministers two or three slides setting out key issues associated with their work.

   Action: DGs

**Item 2: Any Other Business**

9. None.