

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
104th Imtac MEETING**

Date: 21st March 2013, The Mount, Belfast

Present: Max O'Brien (Chair)

Bert Bailie, Barbara Fleming, Elizabeth Black, Ann Gamble, David Mann, David McDonald, Des McAuley, Joan Harbison, Rosemary Patton, June Best, Ann Collins, Francis Hughes

Observers: Keith Walsh (DRD), Terry Butler (Translink), Naomi Roberts (Equality Commission), Olaf Hvattum (Age Sector Platform)

Secretariat: Michael Lorimer, Cathy Boyd

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were given from Ryan Simpson, Etta Mann, Ronnie Patterson, Norma Moore.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting on 6th September 2012

2.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Presentation from Claire McVeigh, Disability Sports NI

3.1 Claire briefed members on the work of the Inclusive Stadia Advisory Group (ISAG) and progress with the three regional stadia developments. Following the presentation members raised a number of issues based on experiences at stadia elsewhere. Many of the issues raised are covered in the

Design and Management Guidelines being produced by ISAG.

Action: Distribute the Design and Management Guidelines to members.

4. Matters arising

4.1 Recruitment

The Chairperson updated members on the outcome of the recruitment process. He paid tribute to and thanked Elizabeth Black, Ronnie Patterson, Kellie Armstrong, Norma Moore and Etta Mann who are stepping down.

Action: Following discussion it was agreed that Michael should work with Mencap to identify a suitable representative of people with a learning disability.

4.2 Disability Strategy

Members discussed the publication of the Disability Strategy. Discussion reflected broad disappointment about the content of the Strategy. Members who attended the launch expressed disappointment with aspects of the venue.

Action: It was agreed to contact OFMDFM to record issues around the launch of the Strategy.

The Chairperson updated members on his attendance at the first meeting of the Disability Strategy Evaluation and Monitoring Group.

Action: It was agreed Michael should represent Imtac at future meetings.

4.3 Belfast City Centre

Members received an update on positive changes to pavements and crossings in Belfast City Centre as a result of Belfast on the move. DSD plan to pilot the React system in the spring.

4.4 Pavement Cafes

It has been agreed to include the issue of pavement cafes in the 2013/14 Work Programme.

4.5 AV on buses

A letter has been sent to Minister Kennedy welcoming the Pilot Evaluation Report.

4.6 Trust Minibuses

A suitable date to view the trust low-floor minibuses is being finalised.

5. Working Group Updates

5.1 Members received updates from Working Group Convenors.

5.2 Michael updated members on a recent meeting with Kieran Docherty (Head of Bus Operations) to look at bus design at Bangor Station.

5.3 Bert updated members on evidence given by Imtac to the recent Regional Development Committee into the Better use of Bus Services.

5.4 Members discussed a draft walking audit report about Lisburn City Centre and the latest draft of the Baywatch

Good Practice Guide in relation to providing accessible parking.

Action: Chair asked members and observers to provide comments/feedback within 7-10 days after which time the final papers will be approved for publication.

5.5 Michael briefed members on issues raised by CTA in relation to the draft paper examining training provided by transport providers.

Action: Following discussion it was agreed to arrange a meeting with Kellie Armstrong, in her role as an lmtac member, to listen to issues prior to developing a further draft.

6. Observers Updates

6.1 DRD Update: Members received an update on the recent changes to door2door transport. Members received updates on the publication of the Accessible Transport Strategy (ATS) Action Plan, the next stage of Belfast on the Move and the Dungannon Public Transport Pilot. Members were advised that OFMDFM are seeking bids for funding for signature projects. The DRD are looking at potential projects to deliver elements of the ATS.

6.2 Translink update: Members received an update on the latest figures for bus accessibility. All new trains are now in operation. Members were updated on interim arrangements for bus stations in relation to audio announcements and policy regarding the carriage of Class 3 mobility equipment on buses and trains.

7. Draft Work Programme

7.1 Michael briefed members on the draft Work Programme. Max informed members that initial feedback had been received from DRD and that some further discussion and

redrafting would be required particularly in relation to linking with the ATS Action Plan.

Action: Chair asked members to provide comments feedback within 7-10 days.

8. Any other business

- 8.1 Max updated members on a recent meeting with the office of the Commissioner for Older People.
- 8.2 Members were updated on the proposed consultation around changes to the Blue Badge Scheme.
- 8.3 Members were reminded to submit outstanding travel claims before the end of the month.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 13th June 2013 at 12.30pm in The Mount, Belfast.