

11/02/2020 17:00:30

Chris, looks like we have to build in time for a short discussion tomorrow on the role of the Brexit sub-committee. I'll get Karen and Andrew to give us a slide or two which highlights the issue and suggest it is dealt with during FM's absence - might help to fill the vacant slot. I'll speak after the meeting. D

20/02/2020 10:49:12

Chris, I was going to drop into the Hub but time has beaten me. Apologies, David

27/02/2020 19:00:11

We have a plan for a small C3, which I will mention at PSS tomorrow. We don't need to stand up just yet, but can do so gradually over the next few weeks.

06/03/2020 18:29:01

In case you get a call from Michael...I had a call from Deborah McNeilly, reporting concerns on the part of Michael about the performance of CCPB, and one colleague in particular. I suggested to Deborah that I would be happy to speak to Michael, but that hasn't been followed up as yet.

Noted. Happy to discuss, though my key question is, is this redeemable? We can't afford a fractious relationship between ourselves and DoH.

I think it is through a combination of some more G5 capacity, and my getting in a bit deeper - but that has an opportunity cost.

07/03/2020 09:22:07

Chris, I've been tracking the emails. Can you confirm what we are asking depts to do. Are we still asking them to complete the return for CO discussed at PSS but not the additional work that was directed at DE and DSD? D

Yes, that's the position.

Thanks

07/03/2020 20:55:15

See latest email. I could reply, but the rationale for non participation is Michael's, and I think it should be for him. Grateful for a steer.

I'm out at a dinner with no access to email. Do you need a word now? D

Sorry to disturb, but my choice is between annoying CMO or annoying Cabinet Office, which is seeking a response to the exercise that he declined to participate in. DoH has not responded to CO enquiries.

If pressed now, my advice would be to annoy CO rather than CMO. And you can hold me to that.

07/05/2020 13:46:15

I am advised that I must attend a disciplinary hearing on 29 May. I am sure you will understand that I would like to take some leave to prepare for that nearer the time. If in the meantime you feel that I should stand aside from my current role, I will quite understand.

Ah Chris, I think that's a disgrace. I've been told I may expect a similar invitation.

Take whatever time you need. From my perspective there's no need for you to step aside.

Happy to discuss anytime.

I'll say no more here, but I am very angry about all this.

12/05/2020 13:35:45

I'm doing **NR**'s end of year review meeting this afternoon. Does she know the outcome of the PPS competition yet?

Yes, I told her off the record. She wasn't surprised, indeed she said getting the interview was, for her as a DP, very encouraging.

She's not entered the G7 competition. She doesn't really want another spell on PO at that level.

14/05/2020 08:09:02

Some interesting late papers for Executive today. A cynic might think that some people are preparing for a public inquiry.

Indeed

14/05/2020 10:52:02

dFM side seriously spooked by the DoH paper on relaxations. They clearly weren't expecting RS to want to move so far or so fast. Expecting a lively debate.

He might then have difficulty in adopting his usual line of 'I'm only doing this for TEO.'

Exactly. He "took back control" and will have to live with the consequences of that.

It's not actually much different from what I would have recommended, but it doesn't deal with 'delivery', that is, the cumulative impact on enforcement. You heard PSNI views this morning. Enforcement is all but over, so we now rely almost exclusively on clear messaging and civic responsibility.

Yes, and Chris McNabb has already picked up that he could quickly become the new "fall guy"!

SD compliance was always going to rely on community consent.