

Session 2

Jane introduced herself and thanked everyone for joining.

8-10 weeks working with Departments – moving forward with Recovery Plan – will need to be a living document and will need to flex with circumstances facing us. Issues like funding for 24 months will impact on the plan.

Jane then went through a summarised version of the Plan assisted by slides.

She then asked for initial views on the draft document.

Wesley Aston, UFU

Wesley said that the timescale was tight and asked was there capacity for extra time to look at in more depth.

Agri-food sector – focus on green growth – Brexit – development of own agricultural policy.

Will hybrid working be included in the plan.

Jane said she understood the challenging timeline and she was just now seeking views. She said it was an on-going exercise. With regard to hybrid working – is under development – will take back to DoF.

Anne Madden (Sustrans)

Ann expressed concern over the tight deadline.

She suggested that Economic and Green Growth should be combined.

Commended collaborative working.

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Intervention 56 – take back to Departments.

Alison Millar (NIPSA)

Alison asked who is being consulted about this? Would have expected the invite to come through ICTU. She said she had only 'sped read' the document and 7 days to engage with their own Executive and respond was unacceptable.

She asked how this sits with NDNA.

She had read the Action Plan and wouldn't disagree with any of it, however she said they would all be competing for funding. She said Anti-poverty from a Trade Union point of view – the funding

situation was not good over 24 months. She said there was a need to prioritise as not all 85 are going to happen.

Jane said that plan had been delivered within 10 weeks. Link with NDNA and PfG was key to this document. She agreed funding was crucial – it was a living document – through to implementation.

Paul Armstrong, Woodland Trust

Paul expressed concern over the tight timeline for response as people were off on leave and schools were finishing for the summer. He said he would need another week to respond.

Economic Growth/Green Growth – he said that Woodland Trust was looking to expand tree nurseries but they were having trouble sourcing trees.

If we have too many priorities we have no priorities.

Jane said that the timescale can not be extended, however she was content to take views and feed them into next stage of implementation. Explained the survey in Citizen Space.

Chat – Alison Miller – Unrealistic timescale. What is driver for 7 day response?

Angharad Bunt (Sport NI)

Do the 24 months start from date of publication following approval.

Jane – will keep you updated.

Anne Madden asked what the next steps were.

Jane replied that draft would go to the Executive next week, then statement made to Assembly.

Jane thanked everyone for their time and welcomed their written responses.