Minutes of the NIHE Disability Forum Meeting held on 07th March 2019, at Parliament Buildings, Stormont Belfast at 10.30am

Present:

Audrey Furphy	South
Shiela McWilliams	Causeway
Clifford Wylie	South
Gerry Maguire	South West
Patricia Bray	North West
Eileen Drum	South West
Patrick Gregory	Belfast
Isobelle Hamilton	North Down and Ards

In attendance:	Conor Flanaghan	Supporting Communities
	Orla McCann	Disability Action

Apologies:	William Ferguson	Mid and East Antrim
	Liz Oslon	Belfast
	Linda Wilson	South
	Ursula Marshall	Mid Ulster
	Tereasa McDonough	North West
	Deirdre Crawford	NIHE
	Naoimh McArdleMcFall	NIHE

		ACTION
1.0	**Welcome and apologies**	
1.1	William Ferguson has stepped down from the Forum.	
	Orla updated the Forum that due to a voluntary severance scheme and subsequent restructure of Disability Action she will be taking responsibility for the ONSIDE project (Interreg) and while she will continue to attend the Forum meeting when she can another staff member	

	(Patrick Malone) will be the new facilitator.	
2.0	**Minutes of the last Meeting**	
	Business at this meeting was kept to a minimum to enable training for Forum members	
3.0	**Matters Arising**	
3.1	Matters arising were restricted to urgent matters only	
4.0	**Central Panel Representation**	
4.1	As required in terms of reference the Forum are required to elect a member to represent the Forum at Central Housing Panel. Isobel Hamilton has fulfilled this duty and expressed a willingness to continue. This was proposed by Clifford Wylie and seconded by Sheila McWilliams.	**Conor to update the Central Panel.**
5.0	**How the Assembly Works**	
5.1	Forum members availed of a half-day training on the structures and mechanisms of the Northern Ireland Assembly.	
5.0	Date of the Next Meeting	
5.1	The Forum will attend a Training Day at Parliament Buildings Stormont on 04th April 2019 at 10:30am. Subsequently amended to **02nd May 2019 at 10:30am at Disability Action, Belfast**	