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Meeting on 16 December 2009 with DFP on the Belfast SRFs

Present: Jack Layberry
Bruce Vickers
Elaine Wilkinson
Mark O'Donnell

EW provided background. Important context of SRFs as supporting documents for decisions made by departments and agencies, with particular emphasis on budgetary decisions. DFP input to the Steering Group was felt to be useful in order to explain government budget process, timescales etc to those present and also to ensure DFP Supply was kept informed of progress of SRFs.

JL felt regular attendance too time consuming but content to receive papers and attend when necessary. Advised that the SRFs should aim to settle on a fairly small number of hard proposals – cross-cutting if possible. This could be the basis of a short, pithy document for the Executive's consideration. DSD may in due course wish to brief his colleague, Adrian Arbuthnot.

BV suggested that the "Belfast Package" should have closest possible links to PSAs.