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Clarification

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From: Jendoubi, Christine
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From: McConnell, Imelda [mailto:Imelda.McConnell@dndi.gov.uk]
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Subject: DELIVERY TEAM

Christine

Further to your previous e-mail, I don't know if you have seen the press release which announced its set up - it might help clarify the future of the Taskforce for you.

<<Delivery Team Press Release 18 Oct 05.DOC>>

Imelda

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HANSON ANNOUNCES DELIVERY TEAM TO CO-ORDINATE ACTION IN DISADVANTAGED LOYALIST COMMUNITIES

Political Development Minister David Hanson MP today announced the establishment of a high level Delivery Team to address the needs of disadvantaged Loyalist communities. Mr Hanson made this announcement during a visit to the Greater Shankill Community Council and the Shankill Community Convention.

The Minister said: **"It is important that Government's efforts in addressing the needs of disadvantaged Loyalist communities, whilst considerable, benefit from better co-ordination with services more closely connected to those communities. The Secretary of State has tasked me with driving forward this matter and to help achieve this I have established a Delivery Team, chaired by the Head of the Northern Ireland Civil Service, Nigel Hamilton, which will report directly to me".**

David Hanson indicated that an early priority of the Delivery Team would be to take forward the findings of a Taskforce set up last year to address concerns that Government policy was not impacting on Protestant working class areas. He said: **"A Taskforce was established in 2004 in response to points made consistently by the representatives of Protestant working class communities, that Government policies and plans are not having sufficient impact in their areas. The new Delivery Team will take the current findings of the Taskforce, which is due to report soon, and ensure that real outcomes are delivered on the ground. Targets will be set for this work and regular assessments against these targets will be maintained.**

"I believe the solution lies in securing better engagement and participation of local communities to ensure effective delivery of public services. I will be encouraging the Delivery Team to drive forward their work through the existing policies and programmes across Government, to ensure a co-ordinated response to real needs on the ground."

Today's visit to the Shankill continues the series of engagements being undertaken by David Hanson to hear the views of those working in local communities that are suffering from disadvantage. He said: **"As part of ensuring that we deliver tangible benefits on the ground, I will be visiting different groups to listen to the views of people at the grass roots and to explain how I propose to move this work forward. I want to experience the reality of life in areas such as the Shankill where there are deep-seated problems. I am keen to meet as many people as I can, and to use that knowledge to steer the work of the Delivery Team"**.

Mr Hanson went on to say that the Department of Social Development, through the Belfast Regeneration Office, was investing significantly in these areas, but accepted that there was no room for complacency.

He said: **"Belfast Regeneration Office is providing £180,000 to the Greater Shankill Community Council to upgrade and extend its premises, and this is only one example of the kind of funding that DSD is supplying in Protestant Working Class areas. Substantial amounts of money are being invested in the Shankill and other areas, not just through mainstream spending on health, education and social services, but also through a range of initiatives aimed at community development"**.

Notes to Editors

Membership of the Delivery Team will include senior officials from the Northern Ireland Departments and the Northern Ireland Office.