

**Notes of the Workforce Agreement Monitoring Group  
29<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

**1 Birdcage Walk**

**Member attendees: ASCL, ATL, GMB, DCSF, NAHT, NASUWT, NEOST, UNISON, UNITE, VOICE, WAG**

**Other attendees: TDA**

**Policy and Implementation updates**

- ATL and NASUWT provided brief feedback on their recent conferences.
- DCSF provided a policy update to partners.
- TDA provided an implementation update to partners.
- TDA will be considering how to obtain support staff deployment data and will have bilaterals with support staff unions as part of this.
- TDA will be revising the professional development strategy in light of the 21<sup>st</sup> century school white paper and will circulate to partners for review after this.
- TDA will be providing further communications on the issue resolution process to ensure better understanding of the process
- TDA will do a briefing on HLTA food and technology and send to partners.

**Apprentices**

- DCSF policy lead provided a presentation to partners on apprenticeships.
- DCSF policy lead to take account of partners comments made in the meeting.
- DCSF policy lead offered partners bilaterals on apprenticeships.
- DCSF policy team will continue to engage with WAMG on a regular basis.
- TDA to have a bilateral with GMB on sector skills qualifications.

**IRU**

- DCSF IRU secretariat will recirculate the IRU consultation and extend the deadline to 6<sup>th</sup> May.
- DCSF IRU secretariat to take account of partners' comments made in the meeting.
- DCSF IRU secretariat will do an analysis of the consultation responses and produce recommendations which they will bring to a WAMG meeting for discussion in a couple of weeks.

**Wales**

- DCSF and WAG to have a discussion to see how to take forward partner requests.
- WAG to send to partners the summary of the NFER research contract.

**AOB**

- DCSF will send partners an email after the meeting containing the information on how the rarely cover documents will be communicated.
- Partners agreed that for any press queries the rarely cover documents should be referred to and the Ministers quote contained in the WAMG statement.
- Partners agreed to have a regular 9.30-10.30 meeting every Wednesday before the other social partnership meeting to share information and frequently asked questions on rarely cover and agree answers to these.