

Attendance note

SU/IMPRESS

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JH rang. They had been discussing criterion 6. They had already done quite a lot of consultation, meetings, information received from the Call for information etc. They were however now thinking about doing a wider consultation. This was on the cards anyway for the Autumn but they had decided to pull this part forward. They are going to do a 4-week consultation process. They had looked on the DCMS website and there was a 3-week consultation – they had also looked at the Guidance on consultations which did not give an optimal time – it was up to the consultor to determine what was sensible. They had a board Strategy day in July when they would be able to consider options. Asked what SU thought about the consultation period. SU thought it seemed short but essentially this was a matter for them. They were obviously going through a process of determining what was a reasonable period of time. JH wants to use the outcome of the consultation to update their application in respect of criterion 6. He asked if they could produce the additional information before the meeting of the Board. SU said that as this was planned she would prefer if we had the outcome of their deliberations before the report was finalised so we could make a decision whether in fact yet another call for information was warranted or not. JH asked if she could see whether this could be accommodated in the time line (if there are no further calls for information) we were going to have an August meeting.

SU thinks that, assuming no further calls, it can be accommodated; but only if IMPRESS are quick at turning around the final report; they were of course entitled to the period of time set out on the process – this would just mean that we would have to move the meeting back to September.