# Hosting Proforma

The Executive Office

Name of Host

Organisation

**1. Interchange Manager’s details**

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Type of Opportunity

Fixed term secondment

**2. Details of hosting opportunity**

Description of opportunity

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| Staff Officer - Communities in Transition.  The Executive Office (TEO) has been tasked with taking forward **Commitment B4** within the Tackling Paramilitary Activity, Criminality and Organised Crime Executive Action Plan which provides that “The Executive should establish a fund to support ambitious initiatives aimed at building capacity in communities in transition, including through developing partnerships across civil society and across community divisions”.  The Communities in Transition Project aims to support eight identified geographic areas across Northern Ireland, where there has been a significant history of paramilitary activity and coercive control, to move to more open and accessible communities where paramilitarism no longer play a role. The areas of focus are:   * **Carrick & Larne** (Antiville and Kilwaughter in Larne together with Northland and Castlemara in Carrick) * **Derry/Londonderry** (Brandywell and Creggan) * **North Down** (Kilcooley & Rathgill) * **Lurgan** (Drumgask and Kilwilkie) * **West Belfast** (Lower Falls, Twinbrook, Poleglass, Upper Springfield, Turf Lodge and Ballymurphy) * **North Belfast** (New Lodge and Greater Ardoyne) * **Shankill** (upper and lower, including Woodvale) * **East Belfast** (The Mount and Ballymacarrett)   Following an extensive period of consultation with stakeholders in these areas a series of proposals were developed and subsequently approved. These projects are now in their delivery phase.  There are now opportunities to join the Communities in Transition team and support delivery of projects across the CIT areas on the ground. The Team is seeking a suitably experienced individual with the confidence to work primarily in 2 of the 8 areas, alongside delivery partners, to ensure that the projects are being delivered successfully and achieve positive outcomes for those living within the areas. |

Main objectives of the opportunity

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| To add experienced and enthusiastic new members of staff to the Communities in Transition Team in order to support delivery of projects on the ground and ensure achievement of objectives.  The individuals selected will be expected to undertake a range of grade appropriate duties at Staff Officer level, specifically including:   * Manage delivery of the agreed projects in each CIT area; * Assist in securing business case approvals for projects not yet announced for funding; * Assist in managing the contract for projects approved for funding, including the relationship with the contract holder to ensure achievement of objectives; * Provide advice guidance and support to stakeholders in the delivery of agreed projects; * Monitor and report on progress of projects throughout the agreed delivery period, highlighting performance issues and identifying remedial action where required; * Validate receipted claims for processing by the payment team; * Approve, monitor and agree spent profiles on a monthly basis; * As necessary, participate in all aspects of tender process in line with government procurement guidelines including drafting tender specifications and sitting on evaluation panels; * Represent the Department at required meetings to ensure successful delivery of projects with other funders; * Ensure that all spreadsheets relating to management information are maintained; * Provide accurate, timely and quality information and briefing in respect of their CIT areas of responsibility and projects for which they have responsibility including input to AQs, Briefing requests, programme board papers and Highlight reports; and * develop positive and collaborative relationships with stakeholders. |

**3. Skills requirements**

What qualities, skills and experience is required from the individual

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| **Essential:**   * the ability to work successfully as part of a team; * a flexible and innovative approach to deliver solutions; * proven experience of programme/project management; * experience of the management and delivery of a range of objectives within deadlines and budget constraints; * experience of direct engagement with local communities and a range of stakeholders to achieve objectives; and * experience of managing projects through a contract and monitoring progress against targets   **Desirable:**   * experience of direct funding to third party organisations including community/voluntary organisations, etc * experience of preparing and securing approval to economic appraisals * experience of tender processes |

**4. Personnel: Please state below**

Who will the individual report to?

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| Pat McKenna |

Who will be the individual’s line manager and/or reporting officer?

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| Pat McKenna |

**5. Transfer of learning**

Please give details of how the Opportunity will benefit your organisation, the

individual and their organisation.

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| Our organisation would benefit immensely in taking forward a sensitive and challenging piece of work which is at a critical delivery period, with the skills and knowledge of suitably experienced individuals who can make an immediate impact in the role.  The individuals taking part in this interchange opportunity will benefit from having been a key part of delivering a high profile and sensitive government programme, aimed at increasing community capacity to resist the coercive control that continues to be exerted by paramilitaries here. |

**6. Logistics**

Please provide details of the likely start date, duration, location, form of transport required, resources (i.e.; desk, PC, etc.) and funding arrangements for the opportunity.

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| **Start Date**: ASAP  **Duration**: This secondment opportunity will last for 24 months.  **Location**: Castle Buildings, Stormont Estate and remotely in CIT areas. Candidates will also be permitted to work from home in line with COVID-19 regulations.  **Funding and Salary**: The Executive Office will pay salary costs and associated expenses. The salary scale will be £32,328-£33,459  .  **Further information**: For further info about the post please contact Pat McKenna on Tel: 07769998086.  **Closing Date:** Applications\* must be submitted by **5.00pm on Friday 01 October 2021** to**:**  [**interchangesecretariat@finance-ni.gov.uk**](mailto:interchangesecretariat@finance-ni.gov.uk)  **\*This opportunity is not open to NI Civil Service staff.** |

**7. Endorsement**

**Interchange Manager**

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| **Colin Moffett** |

**Signed:**

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| **20/09/2021** |

**Date:**