



## **Briefing from Council meeting held on 29 September 2016**

The meeting was chaired by Diana Kloss and the following items discussed:

### **Response to consultations**

The Council had submitted a response to the Work and Pensions Select Committee consultation: "Closing the gap between disability and work", which had been acknowledged.

### **Update on Council projects: Occupational Health Workforce Planning Group**

The Council was updated on the OH Workforce project. The second report had been published and had been well received. A future workshop was planned to consider the recommendations and how they can be taken forward.

### **Communications update**

Council members were invited to submit a blog for the website.

### **Aim and direction of the Council for Work and Health**

Discussion papers had been circulated for members to share with their respective organisations. Council's finance was discussed and IOSH were thanked for funding fifty percent of the secretariat costs.

Council members broke out into discussion groups to consider the benefits of membership and how to improve the image and impact of the Council.

### **Succession planning – job profile for Chair of the Council for Work and Health**

The appointment of a Chair for the Council after Diana Kloss's retirement, having led the Council for six years was discussed. Diana Kloss agreed to continue to serve until a new Chair is appointed.

### **A focus for work and health**

It was noted that a small sub-group had been formed, chaired by Robin Cordell, to consider the merits of creating a focus for work and health and the possibility of securing funding for such a project. It was agreed that the sub-group should meet again to discuss and refine the topics suggested by the Council members and feed back at a future Council meeting.

**The next meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 7 February 2017.**