

Re: A Proposal for a Transitional Executive

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* It is important to note that we are entering into a period of transition, and that a fully operational Executive might be premature — people are not ready for it.

* If people are feeling under stress at present, it may be because they/we are not ready for the level of co-operation required by the Executive. Hearts and minds need to be cleared before this work can be done. Hence, a transitional or Shadow Executive might be best.

* Overall, I think this is a good concept — possibly the best that we will be able to come up with, given the blocks we are facing (mindsets etc.). The terms and conditions seem reasonable but would need to be agreed by all the parties (I imagine)

* The parallel processes outlined in this document (Commission on Policing, IICD etc.) would support the transition into full Executive at a later date

* I think there is also value in referring to B. McAllister's document, section entitled "Re-framing the Issues". NIWC is the best placed party to be putting forward these creative approaches to problem solving.

* If a Shadow/Interim Executive is formed NIWC should welcome/embrace it as a creative solution to the impasse. Breathing space.

