

Date - 16 August 2022

Attendees – Philip Whyte, IPPR, and Brian Dornan, Deputy Director for Constitutional Futures.

Discussion – Brian Dornan set out some of the likely broad themes of the forthcoming BaNS economy paper including in particular those focussed on combining economic dynamism with social solidarity: placing Net Zero and renewable energy at the centre of the economy; labour market reforms including a national minimum wage with a single rate regardless of age, stronger access to flexible working, repeal of the UK Trade Union Act 2016, a focus on the extension of collective bargaining, improving the rights of flexible, casual or “gig economy” workers.

Brian Dornan also noted that the paper was likely to pick up some of the lessons set out in Paper 1 of the series, on the importance of developing better institutions to support dialogue and partnership between business, workers and government; and corporate governance reform.

Philip Whyte noted alignment with some of the themes of the paper with well known IPPR interests in economic justice and the wellbeing economy.