



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY 2013
ROOM 21

Present:

Mr Jimmy Spratt (Chairperson)
Mr Sean Lynch (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr John Dallat MLA
Mr Stewart Dickson MLA
Mr Alex Easton MLA
Mr Ross Hussey MLA
Mr David McNarry MLA

In attendance:

Mr Paul Carlisle (Clerk to the Committee)
Mr Gavin Ervine (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Ms Tara McKee (Clerical Supervisor)
Ms Alison Ferguson (Clerical Officer)

Apologies:

Mr Declan McAleer MLA
Mr Ian McCrea MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

10:02am *The meeting commenced in open session.*

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Chairperson's Business

None.

3. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 3rd July 2013.

4. Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister to the Chairman of the Airports Commission regarding UK aviation capacity.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister regarding a Written Ministerial Statement on Narrow Water Bridge.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding 2012/13 Resource Accounts.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Explanatory Memoranda on Port Services Regulations.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Guide Dogs NI 'Road to Nowhere' report and agreed to forward to Guide Dogs NI for information.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development to Mr Gerard Bradley regarding the use of Smartpasses on Aircoach service from Belfast to Dublin.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development to Cllr Tom Smith regarding Donaghadee Bus Station.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on funding for the Foyle Ferry.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding an action plan for Active Travel.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on Translink, including their press briefings and 2011/12 accounts.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development to the Committee for Education regarding safer routes to school initiative.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding request for written briefing on the Executive's Draft European Priorities for 2013/14.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from IMTAC regarding regulation of pavement cafes in Northern Ireland.

5. Translink Briefing: 2012/13 Annual Report and Accounts

10:05am The following representatives joined the meeting

Catherine Mason – Chief Executive, Translink
Stephen Armstrong – Director of Finance, Translink

The representatives presented to the Committee in respect of the work of the above. Following the presentation, Members put questions.

10:32am Mr McNarry joined the meeting

11:10am Mr Easton joined the meeting

11:24am Mr Dickson left the meeting

11:31am Mr Dickson re-joined the meeting

11:37am Mr Hussey left the meeting

11:42am Mr Dickson left the meeting

12:00pm The representatives left the meeting

6. Any Other Business

7. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 11th September 2013 at 10:30am in Room 21.

12:01pm The meeting was adjourned

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Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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