



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

**COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2013**  
**ROOM 21**

**Present:**

Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Sean Lynch (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Joe Byrne MLA  
Mr John Dallat MLA  
Mr Alex Easton MLA  
Mrs Brenda Hale MLA  
Mr Ross Hussey MLA  
Mr Declan McAleer MLA  
Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA  
Mr David McNarry MLA  
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín 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:**

No apologies received

*10:03am      The meeting commenced in open session.*

**1. Apologies**

As above.

**2. Chairperson's Business**

The Chairperson raised the issue of the recruitment process for a new Chief Executive of NI Water. The Chairperson informed the Committee that he will speak to the Interim Chief Executive at the conclusion of the meeting and will raise Members' concerns on this issue.

*10:07am Mr Lynch left the meeting*

*10:08am Mr Hussey joined the meeting*

### **3. Draft Minutes**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

### **4. Correspondence**

Members noted the correspondence received.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on Department/Translink reporting lines and agreed that Members' concerns are raised at the meeting with the Permanent Secretary on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on the Lurgan rail track and agreed to write to the Department to request that the Committee is kept informed of the findings of the signalling survey.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on Millennium Way.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted an invitation from the OFMdfM Committee to attend an EU Parliament Event on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted the formal response from the Department for Regional Development to the Committee Inquiry into the Better Use of Public and Community Sector Funding for Delivery of Bus Transport in Northern Ireland and agreed to forward a copy to stakeholders for their comments.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the OFMdfM Committee regarding the Barroso Desk Officer Reports and agreed to write to the Department to request a briefing on their current and planned engagement in Europe.

*10:13am Mrs Hale joined the meeting*

10:14am Mr Lynch re-joined the meeting

## **5. Department for Regional Development Briefing: New Approach to Regional Transportation Policy Prioritisation Framework**

10:23am The following officials joined the meeting

Tom Reid – Director of Transportation Policy, DRD

Celia Chambers – Head of Transportation Policy Unit, DRD

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

10:41am Mr Hussey left the meeting

10:44am Mr Hussey re-joined the meeting

10:51am Mr Dallat left the meeting

10:55am Mr Lynch left the meeting

10:58am Mr Dallat re-joined the meeting

11:00am Mr Easton joined the meeting

11:03am Mr Lynch re-joined the meeting

11:11am The officials left the meeting

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request a briefing on the ongoing Dungannon Integrated Transport Pilot Scheme.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request a briefing paper on the task and finish pilot scheme on parking, due to commence in January 2014.

## **6. Subordinate Legislation not Subject to Assembly Procedure**

*Members noted:*

- The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Belfast) (Amendment No.3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

**7. SR 2013/232: The Lisburn Road, Ballynahinch (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013**

*Agreed:* That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2013/232: The Lisburn Road, Ballynahinch (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013 and has no objection to the rule.

**8. Any Other Business**

**9. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2013 at 10:00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

*11:14am The meeting was adjourned*

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**Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA**  
**Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development**  
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