



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2013
ROOM 21

Present:

Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Joe Byrne MLA
Mr Alex Easton MLA
Mrs Brenda Hale MLA
Mr Ross Hussey 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:

Mr Sean Lynch (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr John Dallat MLA
Mr Declan McAleer MLA
Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA

10:06am The meeting commenced in closed session.

The Chairperson gave Members an overview of the meeting he and the Deputy Chairperson had with the Department's Permanent Secretary and Senior Management Team on Friday 18th October 2013.

10:19am Mrs Hale joined the meeting

10:23am The meeting recommenced 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 16th October 2013.

10:26am *Mr McNarry joined the meeting*

4. Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on Translink's 25 year infrastructure plan.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on the October Monitoring Round and Capital Budget Exercise.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding infraction procedures relating to Ballycastle Waste Water Treatment Works.

Agreed: The Committee noted further correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on the October Monitoring Round and Capital Budget Exercise.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on PC15 Draft Social and Environmental Guidance.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Consumer Council regarding Air Passenger Duty.

Agreed: The Committee noted the Fourth Report of the Examiner of Statutory Rules.

5. Translink Briefing: Preparations for Winter

10:27am The following official joined the meeting

Ciaran Rogan – Marketing Executive, Translink

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

11:10am The official left the meeting

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to Translink to ask to what extent its drivers are trained to administer first aid.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to Translink to ask for the number of incidents where a bus has left the road due to adverse weather conditions in the past three years.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to Translink to request a list of Park and Ride facilities in its ownership.

Agreed: The Committee would write to the Department to request a list of Park and Ride facilities in its ownership.

6. SR 2013/233: The Frederick Street, Belfast (Footpath) (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

Agreed: That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2013/233: The Frederick Street, Belfast (Footpath) (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013 and has no objection to the rule.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to ask what the current market value is for the piece of land marked in this Statutory Regulation.

7. SR 2013/234: The C338 (unnamed road) Moneymore, Newry (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

Agreed: That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2013/234: The C338 (unnamed road) Moneymore, Newry (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013 and has no objection to the rule.

8. Any Other Business

The Chairperson reminded Members that a delegation from the Committee will travel to London for meetings with the Congress of the Council of Europe and Members of the Committee for Transport on Wednesday 6th November 2013.

9. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 13th November 2013 at 10:00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

11:19am The meeting was adjourned

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Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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