



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2014
ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

Present:

Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr John Dallat 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

3. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 19th February 2014.

4. Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the OFMdfM Committee regarding an Inquiry into the Barroso Task Force and agreed to issue a response.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Post Project Evaluations.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on Cycling Unit.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on the Road Traffic (Speed Limits) Bill.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the All Party Group on Cycling regarding the date for submissions to the Committee Inquiry and agreed an extension for the response from the All Party Group.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the All Party Group on Cycling requesting a briefing on the outline of the Inquiry and agreed that Committee staff should provide this briefing.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Construction Employers Federation requesting the Committee holds a meeting at CEF Headquarters and agreed to arrange a suitable date for this meeting.

Agreed: The Committee noted the IMTAC Report on Walking Routes in Omagh Town Centre.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Public Accounts Committee regarding the PAC Report "Measuring the Performance of NI Water and Procurement Governance in NI Water".

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the OFMdfM Committee regarding the Joint Ministerial Council (Europe) – December 2013.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence relating to the Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland – Investing Activity Report for February 2014.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development to NI Water regarding the Reservoirs Bill.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on a possible interim Chief Executive for Translink.

5. Department for Regional Development Briefing: Proposed Secondary Legislation Concerning the Rights of Passengers in Bus and Coach Transport

10:09am The following officials joined the meeting

Garry McKenna – Head of Policy and Legislation Branch, DRD
Keith Walsh – Sustainable Transport Branch, DRD

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

10:27am Mr McCarthy joined the meeting

10:28am Mr Hussey left the meeting

10:33am Mrs Hale joined the meeting

10:49am The officials left the meeting

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to ask for clarification on the potential EU infractions in relation to these regulations.

6. Department for Regional Development Briefing: Belfast Rapid Transit

10:50am The following officials joined the meeting

Ciaran de Burca – Director of Transport Projects Division, DRD
Robin Totten – Principal Projects Manager, DRD

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

11:32am Mr McAleer left the meeting

11:42am *Mr McAleer re-joined the meeting*

11:47am *The officials left the meeting*

7. Any Other Business

8. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 5th March 2014 at 10:00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

11:47am *The meeting was adjourned*

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Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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