



Northern Ireland
Assembly

**COMMITTEE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2020

THE SENATE CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Ms Michelle McIlveen MLA (Chairperson)
Mr David Hilditch MLA (Deputy-Chairperson).
Ms Martina Anderson MLA
Mr Roy Beggs MLA
Mr Cathal Boylan MLA
Mr Keith Buchanan MLA
Mrs Dolores Kelly MLA
Ms Liz Kimmins MLA
Mr Andrew Muir MLA

Apologies: None

In Attendance: Mrs Cathie White (Assembly Clerk)
Mrs Alison Ross (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Vincent Gribbin (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mr Johnny Lawless (Clerical Supervisor)

The meeting commenced in open session at 12:05 pm.

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Chairpersons Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed to revisit its consideration of the briefing by Assembly Research on Decarbonisation at a future meeting.

3. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7 October 2020.

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Correspondence

Correspondence from Jonathan Hobbs, Northern Ireland Greenways objecting to The Cycle Routes (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2020.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward to the Department for comment.

Copy of the Northern Ireland Utility Regulators Annual Report and Accounts 2019-2020.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the report.

Copy of the Consumer Council for Northern Ireland Annual Enquiries and Complaints Report 2019-2020.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the report.

Correspondence from Renewables NI regarding their change of name and request to brief the Committee.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence and schedule a briefing in the Forward Work Programme in relation an upcoming Committee Inquiry.

Copy correspondence from the Committee for Finance to the Department for Infrastructure regarding Bids for Capital and Resource Funding during the Pandemic.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Departmental response to Committee correspondence regarding issues arising from the Committee for Infrastructure meeting on 23 September 2020.

Agreed: The Committee noted the response and agreed to schedule a Departmental briefing on the Transfer of Functions Order.

Correspondence from the Examiner of Statutory Rules regarding approval for outstanding Statutory Rules.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce and Industry invitation to a business briefing with Simon Coveney TD.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the invitation.

The Committee considered correspondence from the Minister of her decision to recommend planning approval for a new stadium at Casement Park on Tuesday 13 October 2020.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

The Committee considered correspondence from the EU Affairs Officer on upcoming Brexit Business.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

6. SL1 - The A26 Crankill Road Central Reservation, Ballymena (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2020

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Agreed: The Committee agreed that it is content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

7. SL1 - The Alexandra Square, Lurgan (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2020

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Agreed: The Committee agreed that it is content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

8. SL1 - The Mount Pleasant, Townhill Road, Portglenone (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2020

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Agreed: The Committee agreed that it is content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

9. Departmental Briefing - Brexit

The Departmental officials joined the meeting at 12:12 pm.

Ms Linda MacHugh, Deputy Secretary, Resources, Governance and EU Group
Ms Jackie Robinson, Director of Gateways & EU Relations
Mr Jim Sutherland, Head of Brexit Planning Team
Mr Graeme Banks, EU Exit Legislation & Rail Safety Branch

The Departmental officials provided the Committee with an oral briefing.

The oral evidence session was reported by Hansard.

A question and answer session followed.

Agreed: The Departmental officials agreed to provide further information on the EU Brexit negotiations as it becomes available.

Mr Cathal Boylan left the meeting at 12:46 pm.

Agreed: The Departmental officials agreed provide further information on the Inter Bus protocol.

Agreed: The Departmental officials agreed provide further information on the provision and transport of chemicals needed by NI Water.

Agreed: The Departmental officials agreed to provide the Committee with a list of the attendees of the Department's stakeholder engagement meetings regarding Brexit.

The Chairperson thanked the Departmental officials for their attendance.

The Departmental officials left the meeting at 13:08 pm

10. Forward Work Programme

The Committee considered the Draft Forward Work Programme.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to reschedule the planned Translink briefing to a future date.

11. Any Other Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department requesting information on the impact of the latest Covid-19 mitigation announced by the First Minister on 14 October on the services provided by the Driver Vehicle Agency.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department requesting an update on the funding package and proposed timetable for the Taxi, Coach and Haulage Sectors.

12. Date, Time and Place of next meeting

The Committee agreed that the next meeting would be on Wednesday 21 October 2020 at 10:00 am in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

The Committee adjourned at 13:11 pm

**Ms Michelle McIlveen MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Infrastructure**

21 October 2020