



Committee for Infrastructure

Minutes of Proceedings

21 April 2021

Meeting Location: Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings

Present: Ms Michelle McIlveen MLA (Chairperson)
Mr David Hilditch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Keith Buchanan MLA
Mrs Dolores Kelly MLA

Present by Video or Teleconference:

Ms Martina Anderson MLA
Mr Roy Beggs MLA
Mr Cathal Boylan MLA
Ms Liz Kimmins MLA
Mr Andrew Muir MLA

Apologies: None

In Attendance: Mr Vincent Gribbin (Assembly Clerk)
Ms Alison Ross (Assembly Clerk) (*via Starleaf*)
Mr Jonathan Lawless (Assistant Assembly Clerk)



Mr William Kinnear (Clerical Supervisor)

The meeting commenced at 10:07 am in open session

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Chairpersons Business

The Committee considered an update on its Inquiry into the Decarbonisation of Transport in Northern Ireland.

3. Draft Minutes.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14 April 2021.

4. Matters Arising

None.



5. Correspondence

Correspondence from the Minister for Infrastructure regarding planning decision LA11/2018/0926/RM Alterations and Extension to provide a bar/restaurant, landscaping and associated works Building 40, Ebrington Square, Derry.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Response from the Department of Education to the Committee call for evidence on the Decarbonising Road Transport in Northern Ireland Inquiry.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the response and include in the inquiry report.

Response from Newry & Mourne District Council to the Committee call for evidence on the Decarbonising Road Transport in Northern Ireland Inquiry.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the response and include in the inquiry report.

Response from the Department for Infrastructure to the Committee call for evidence on the Decarbonising Road Transport in Northern Ireland Inquiry.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the response and include in the inquiry report.

Response from Bus & Coach NI Ltd to the Committee call for evidence on the Decarbonising Road Transport in Northern Ireland Inquiry.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the response and include in the inquiry report.

Correspondence from Dr. David & Helen Brooker regarding the Review of the Implementation of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.



Correspondence from Phoenix Law regarding financial support for the taxi industry.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek advice from the Assembly Legal Services regarding engaging with a Law Firm acting on behalf of Taxi Operators.

Correspondence from the Clerking and Members Support (CAMS) Office regarding engagement with marginalised groups.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the CAMS Office suggesting it raise with the marginalised groups any issues they may have encountered in respect of engagement with bodies such as NI Water, Driver and Vehicle Agency and Translink.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule a briefing from the Consumer Council.

Response from the Department for Justice to the Committee call for evidence on its Inquiry into Decarbonising Road Transport in Northern Ireland.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the response and include in the inquiry report.

Response from Northern Ireland Water to the Committee call for evidence on the Decarbonising Road Transport in Northern Ireland Inquiry.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the response and include in the inquiry report.

Response from Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon Council to the Committee call for evidence on the Decarbonising Road Transport in Northern Ireland Inquiry.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the response and include in the inquiry report.

Correspondence from CBI regarding the Review of the Implementation of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.



Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence and schedule a briefing in the forward work programme.

Response from Translink to the Committee call for evidence on the Decarbonising Road Transport in Northern Ireland Inquiry.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the response and include in the inquiry report.

Response from Kenneth Robinson to Departmental response to Concerns regarding cycle paths in Ballymena and the need to create green cycle path.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the response.

Correspondence from the Construction Employers Federation regarding the Review of the Implementation of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence and schedule a briefing in the forward work programme.

Correspondence from the Northern Ireland Assembly EU Affairs Office providing an update on the Common Frameworks.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

6. Subordinate Legislation - SL1s - Not Subject to Assembly Proceedings

The Committee considered the following SL1 not subject to any Assembly proceedings.

- SL1 - The Waiting Restrictions (Maghera) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021



Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with the proposals for the Statutory Rule.

The Committee agreed to suspend at 10:21 am.

The Committee resumed at 10:26 am.

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7. Ministerial Briefing – COVID-19 Update & Current Issues

The Minister and Departmental officials joined the meeting at 10:26 am.

Ms Nichola Mallon, Minister for Infrastructure
Ms Sian Kerr, Director of Corporate Policy and Planning
Mr Jeremy Logan, Chief Executive, Driver and Vehicle Agency



The Minister and Departmental officials provided the Committee with an oral briefing.

A question and answer session followed.

Agreed: The Minister agreed to provide the Committee with further details on the Covid-19 Waste Water Surveillance Scheme.

The Chairperson thanked the Minister and Departmental officials for their attendance.

The Minister and Departmental officials left the meeting at 12:21 pm.

8. Departmental Briefing – Budget

The Departmental officials joined the meeting at 12:22 pm.

Ms Linda MacHugh, Acting Deputy Secretary, Resources, Governance and EU Group (*via Starleaf*)

Ms Susan Anderson, Director of Finance (*via Starleaf*)

Mr John Irvine, Director of Major Projects & Procurement (*via Starleaf*)

The Departmental officials provided the Committee with an oral briefing.

A question and answer session followed.

The Chairperson thanked the Departmental officials for their attendance.

The Departmental officials left the meeting at 1:08 pm.



9. Forward Work Programme

The Committee considered the Draft Forward Work Programme.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme.

10. Any Other Business

None.

11. Date, Time and Place of the next meeting

The Committee agreed that the next meeting would be on Wednesday, 28 April 2021 at 10:00 am in Room 29, Parliament Buildings.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Ms Michelle McIlveen MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Infrastructure

28 April 2021