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## Committee for Infrastructure

### Minutes of Proceedings

30 June 2021

**Meeting Location:** Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings

**Present:** Mr Jonathan Buckley MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr David Hilditch MLA (Deputy-Chairperson)

**Present by Video or Teleconference:**

Ms Martina Anderson MLA  
Mr Roy Beggs MLA  
Mr Cathal Boylan MLA  
Mrs Dolores Kelly MLA  
Ms Liz Kimmins MLA  
Mr Andrew Muir MLA  
Mr George Robinson MLA

**Apologies:** None

**In Attendance:** Ms Emer Boyle (Assembly Clerk)  
Mrs Alison Ross (Assembly Clerk) (*via Starleaf*)



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Mr Jonathan Lawless (Assistant Assembly Clerk)

Mr William Kinnear (Clerical Supervisor)

The meeting commenced at 10:06 am in public session.

**1. Apologies**

As above.

**2. Chairpersons Business**

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to delegate authority to the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson to deal with any FoI requests received during the recess period.

**3. Draft Minutes.**

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 23 June 2021.

**4. Matters Arising**

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed the protocol for dealing with outstanding correspondence as amended.

The Committee discussed the Committee motion on support for the taxi industry that was agreed via correspondence on 24 June 2021.



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**Agreed:** The Committee agreed an amendment to the motion.

## 5. Correspondence

Correspondence from the Minister for Infrastructure regarding appointments to Board of Belfast Harbour Commissioners.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to write to Dr Theresa Donaldson, the new Chair of the Harbour Commission, congratulating her on her appointment.

Correspondence from Translink requesting to brief the Committee on the Belfast Transport Hub and an offer of visiting the location.

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

Correspondence from The Women's Policy Group Northern Ireland (WPG NI) inviting the Committee to attend the re-launch of the COVID-19 Feminist Recovery Plan

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Correspondence from Belmont Strategy requesting to meet the Committee on behalf of ABO Wind Northern Ireland.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to note and discuss at the strategic planning day in September.

Correspondence from Watertight International requesting to meet the Committee in respect of work being carried out for the Environment Agency.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to note and discuss at the strategic planning day in September.



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Response from the Minister for the Economy to Committee correspondence regarding rolling support for the bus and coach industry.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to note the response.

Response from the Minister for Finance to Committee correspondence regarding rolling support for the bus and coach industry.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to note the response.

Copy of the Examiner for Statutory Rules Forty –Third Report of the Session 2020-2021.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to note the report.

Correspondence from the Northern Ireland Audit Office (NIAO) summarising the Northern Ireland Audit Office's work with the Department for Infrastructure.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Correspondence from the Transport Hub Alternative Group thanking the Committee for hosting the informal meeting.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Response from the Department for Infrastructure to Committee request for a briefing on issues affecting the taxi sector.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to note the response.

Response from the Minister for Infrastructure to issues arising from the Committee for Infrastructure meeting on 9 June 2021.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Correspondence from the Committee for Finance regarding the Committee Stage: Financial Reporting (Departments and Public Bodies) Bill.



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**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Correspondence from the Committee for Justice regarding the Report on the Criminal Justice (Committal Reform) Bill.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Correspondence from Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland providing a copy of Department for Infrastructure's Investing Activity Report – June 2021.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Correspondence from Philip Riddles regarding the booking of MOT's.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Correspondence from the Committee for the Administration of Justice - frontline advice organisations regarding the rights of EU citizens and their family members.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Correspondence from Eskragh Residents regarding concerns over Granville/Eskragh Infrastructure Decision Making.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Correspondence from the Minister for Infrastructure regarding PC21 Funding for Water and Sewerage Infrastructure.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Examiner for Statutory Rules Forty-Forth Report of the Session 2020-2021.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to note the Report.

Correspondence from Belfast Public Hire Coalition regarding issues arising from the briefing on 23 June 2021.



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**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

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

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

- SL1 - The Parking Places and Waiting Restrictions (Ballymoney) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021
- SL1 - The Road Races (Loughgall Stages Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021
- SL1 - The Road Races (Cookstown 100 Motor Cycle Road Race) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021
- SL1 - The Road Races (Craigantlet Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021
- SL1 - The Road Races (Bushwhacker Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021
- SL1 - The Prohibition of Waiting (Schools) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021
- SL1 - The Urban Clearways (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021
- SL1 - The Prohibition of Right-Hand Turn (Dungiven) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021
- SL1 - The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Belfast) (Amendment No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021

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

## 7. Subordinate Legislation - SRs - Not Subject to Assembly Proceedings

The Committee considered the following SR's not subject to any Assembly proceedings.



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- SR 2021-175 The Road Races (Garron Point Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021
- SR 2021-176 The Waiting Restrictions (Newtownhamilton) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021
- SR 2021-177 The Parking Places on Roads and Waiting Restrictions (Cookstown) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021
- SR 2021-178 The Parking Places (Disabled Persons' Vehicles) (Amendment No. 6) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021
- SR 2021-179 The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Ballynahinch) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021
- SR 2021-180 The One-Way Traffic (Belfast) (Amendment No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to note the Statutory Rules.

## 8. Briefing from Northern Ireland Water – PC 21

The representatives joined the meeting at 10:37 am.

Ms Sara Venning, Chief Executive (*via Starleaf*)  
Mr Ronan Larkin, Director of Finance and Regulation (*via Starleaf*)  
Mr Anthony Lynn, Communications and Public Relations Manager (*via Starleaf*)

The representatives provided the Committee with an oral briefing.

A question and answer session followed.

Ms Martina Anderson left the meeting at 11:14 am.

The Chairperson thanked the representatives for their attendance.

The representatives left the meeting at 11:55 am.



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## 9. Briefing Newry Business Improvement District – Controlled Parking Zones

The representatives joined the meeting at 11:56 am.

Mr Eamonn Connolly, Manager, Newry BID (*via Starleaf*)  
Mr Glyn Roberts, Chief Executive, Retail NI (*via Starleaf*)  
Mr Gary McDonald, President, Lisburn Chamber of Commerce (*via Starleaf*)

The representatives provided the Committee with an oral briefing.

A question and answer session followed.

The Chairperson thanked the representatives for their attendance.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to write to the Minister requesting that she and her officials meet with the representatives of the Newry BID and Lisburn Chamber of Commerce to resolve the issue and to request that she urgently consider the introduction of a 6-month pilot scheme for one hour free on-street parking.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to schedule a briefing with Departmental officials on the issue of Controlled Parking Zones.

The representatives left the meeting at 12:38 pm.

## 10. Forward Work Programme

The Committee considered the Draft Forward Work Programme.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme.





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## 11. Any Other Business

- Agreed:** The Committee agreed to write to the DVA stressing the urgency of the need to address the backlog of MOTs which is having an adverse impact on the economy.
- Agreed:** The Committee agreed to write to The Executive Office seeking an update on the introduction of a Northern Ireland Infrastructure Commission.

## 12. Date, Time and Place of the next meeting

The Committee agreed that the next meeting would be on Wednesday, 15 September 2021 at 10:00 am in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.

**Mr Jonathan Buckley MLA**  
**Chairperson, Committee for Infrastructure**  
**8 September 2021**