



Northern Ireland
Assembly

**COMMITTEE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

WEDNESDAY, 4 MARCH 2020

THE SENATE CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

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

Apologies: Mr Roy Beggs MLA

In Attendance: Mrs Cathie White (Assembly Clerk)
Mrs Alison Ross (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Johnny Lawless (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Bill Kinnear (Clerical Officer)

The meeting commenced in open session at 10:01 am.

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Chairpersons Business

None.

3. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 26 February 2020.

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Correspondence

Correspondence from Investment Strategy Northern Ireland containing the Investing Activity Report for the Department for Infrastructure Report for February 2020.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Ministerial response regarding the Department for Infrastructure Road Safety Strategy.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the response.

Correspondence from the Mineral Products Association including a response to a Committee request for input into its strategic priorities.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence and consider it at the Committee strategic planning meeting.

Correspondence from The Friends of Knock Iveagh regarding concerns around Departmental planning decisions.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence and forward it to the Department for information and comment.

Mrs Kelly declared an interest as a Member of the Assembly Commission.

Correspondence from the NI Assembly EU Affairs Manager providing the Executive Sub Committee – EU Exit, Terms of Reference.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Response from the Committee for Agriculture, Environment and Rural affairs to a Committee request to visit Larne Port.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the response.

Correspondence from the NI Assembly EU Affairs Manager providing The Future Relationship with the EU – The UK's Approach to Negotiations.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Departmental response to issues arising from the Committee meeting on Wednesday 12 February 2020.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

6. Ministerial Briefing – MOT Vehicle Testing Services Update

The Minister and Departmental official joined the meeting at 10:05 am

Ms Nichola Mallon, Minister for Infrastructure
Ms Julie Thompson, Deputy Secretary of Planning, Water & DVA

The Minister provided the Committee with a written statement on the position of the Vehicle Testing Services.

A question and answer session followed.

Agreed: The Minister agreed to provide the Committee with a copy of the full MOT lift Engineer Report.

The oral evidence session was reported by Hansard.

The Chairperson thanked the Minister and the official for their attendance.

The Minister and Departmental official left the meeting at 10:46 am.

7. Briefing from Translink

The representatives joined the meeting at 10:47 am

Mr Chris Conway, Chief Executive, Translink
Mr Paddy Anderson, Chief Financial Officer, Translink

The representatives provided the Committee with briefing on the current position of Translink.

The oral evidence was followed by a question and answer session.

Mr Muir declared an interest as a former Councillor for Ards & North Down Borough Council and as a former employee of Translink.

The oral evidence session was reported by Hansard.

The Chairperson thanked the representatives for their attendance.

The representatives left the meeting at 11:41 am.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the Clerks should explore who the Committee should communicate with in relation to the stopping and checking of public transport/private operators for the purposes of carrying out immigration checks.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Infrastructure supporting the case for adequate funding to be provided to Translink and request that the Minister forwards the Committee's views to the Minister for Finance.

8. Subordinate Legislation – SL1’s – Not Subject to Assembly Proceedings

The Committee considered The Parking Places (Disabled Persons’ Vehicles) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2020.

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

9. SL1 - The Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles (Construction and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020

The Committee considered SL1 - The Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles (Construction and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020.

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

Agreed: The Committee agreed to issue a Press Release welcoming the legislation.

10. Forward Work Programme

The Committee considered the Draft Forward Work Programme.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the forward work programme as amended.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to meet at 9:30 am on 18 March 2020 for its Strategic Planning Day

11. Any Other Business

None.

12. Date, Time and Place of next meeting

The Committee noted that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11 March 2020, at 10:00 am in Northern Ireland Water, Belfast Waste Water Treatment Works, Duncrue Street, Belfast BT3 9JB.

The Committee adjourned at 11:53 am

Ms Michelle McIlveen MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Infrastructure

11 March 2020