



Northern Ireland
Assembly

**COMMITTEE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

WEDNESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2016

THE SENATE CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Mr William Humphrey (Chairperson)

Mr George Robinson MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Ms Kellie Armstrong MLA
Mr Alex Easton MLA
Mr Paul Girvan MLA
Mr Declan McAleer MLA
Mr Eamonn McCann MLA
Mr Fra McCann MLA
Mr Daniel McCrossan MLA
Mr Justin McNulty MLA
Mrs Jenny Palmer MLA

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

Apologies: None.

10:02 am The meeting opened in public session.

1. Apologies

Apologies are detailed above.

2. Chairpersons Business

- The Chairperson advised the Members that he was meeting with representatives from SONI, at their request, to discuss the North South Interconnector Project.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule a Committee meeting and visit at SONI in its forward work programme.

- The Chairperson advised members that the Assembly Research and Information Service has formally launched a new blog service to communicate short, topical articles on recent research.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2016

Agreed: The minutes of the meeting on 29 June 2016 were agreed.

4. Matters Arising

- The Committee considered a paper outlining its discussions at its Strategic Planning meeting at Northern Ireland Water's Heritage Centre on 7 September 2016.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to request information from the Department on a range of issues that it feels currently need attention. The information relates to the following:

- What is the extent of the delay in issuing Blue Badges to individuals with mobility issues, what is the reason for delays and how do the Department intend to decrease waiting times?
- Where does responsibility lie for the issue of the eradication of weeds growing up through, and at the sides of footpaths? How does this fit with the Assessable Transport Strategy? What is the breakdown of responsibility between NIHE/Roads Service/Councils?
- Where does responsibility lie for street lighting and is there an issue with Housing Associations and un-adopted roads? Can the Department pressurise Housing Associations when there are issues raised about insufficient lighting?
- What is the Departments current position with the Regional Infrastructure Strategy? (Formerly known as the Regional Development Strategy).
- What plans the Department has to ensure that the roads will be made safe over the winter months and in the event of extreme weather? Has it made any alterations to its plans/processes since two years ago when there were issues over the gritting of roads?
- What is the foreseeable impact of Brexit on the Department's current and future structural projects that are in receipt of EU funding – Narrowwater Bridge, Belfast Transport Hub etc.?
- What is the current position with any pilots that have been on-going on residents parking schemes and what does the Department intend to do in future? What is the role of the Councils?
- Provide an update on the Department's implementation of its proposals for integrated passenger transport.

- Ask the Minister about his discussions with the DAERA Minister regarding Coastal Erosion.
- Provide an update on the Airport Noise from George Best Airport.
- An update on the Department's actions on the recommendations in the Committee for Regional Development Report on Unadopted Roads in Northern Ireland.
- An update on the review of Bus Operator Licensing.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule a range of visits into its Forward Work Programme. The visits are:

- Belfast Rapid Transport
- Fermanagh Community Transport
- Blue Badge Issuing Office
- Water Ways Ireland, Enniskillen
- Lough Neagh regarding Flooding Issues
- Railway Museum
- Ulster Canal Project
- Sustrans – Sustainable Transport
- The commercial Airports in Northern Ireland
- Belfast Harbour Commissioner Head Quarters
- Warrenpoint port
- Inland Waterways – Navigation House, Blaris
- Rathlin Island Ferry
- Strangford Ferry
- NI Water Drinking Water Treatment Laboratory
- Salt Mines
- Translink
- Ards peninsula – Coastal Erosion
- The Sperrins – Goldmining Planning Applications
- RADAR
- Traffic NI
- Derry Train Station

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the Maintenance of Capital Infrastructure will be one of its Strategic Priorities and that it would receive updates on major projects such as:

Roads

- A4, A5, A6 and A26 road schemes
- Belfast Rapid Transit System
- Belfast Transport Hub
- Narrowwater Bridge
- Southern Relief Road

Rail

- Phases 2 and 3 of the North West Rail upgrade;
- Railway between Londonderry and Sligo (Western Arc)

- Railway connection to International Airport and Balmoral

Rivers, Water and Sewage

- Plans to reopen the Ulster Canal
- Water and Sewage Treatment Works
- Flooding Alleviation Plans

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule recurrent briefings on the Programme for Government and Departmental Budgets.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that Taxi Legislation will be a strategic priority and to keep appraised of the implementation of the reforms to Taxi Legislation.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to receive a briefing from the Department on its Review of the Taxi Legislation to provide clarity over what changes have been introduced, whether there is any opposition and what they intend to do to alleviate concerns.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to receive a briefing from the Taxi Stakeholder Group.

The Committee noted that as a new Committee it would receive a range of briefings to inform how it prioritises a number of issues.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule a briefing on accessible transport.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to commission a research paper on the Road Safety strategies in NI and RoI, comparing cost of the strategies and their impact and statistics as well as any differences in approach and to commission a research paper of strategies elsewhere.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to consider convening a Road Safety Round Table event in the Long Gallery to focus minds on whether everything possible was being done to maximise road safety.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to receive a briefing on winter maintenance.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule a briefing on the Department's Consultation on Planning - Sustainable Development in the Countryside into the Committee's Forward Work Programme.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule a briefing on the Department's Consultation on Planning – Wind energy inquiry, Review of renewable energy guidance - into the Committee's Forward Work Programme.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to consider the Department's response to the Committee for Regional Development's issues paper on Public Transport in Belfast City Centre and particularly issues in relation to the taxi ranks for public hire taxis.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to consider the Departments response to a paper from Professor Smyth on the proposed timetable for the Belfast to Dublin Enterprise Service.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule a briefing on the Department's Cycling Strategy into the Committee's Forward Work Programme.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to consider the issue of Sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) and monitor and scrutinise the Department's guidance.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to consider plans for Flood Alleviation.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to consider the issues of mining and planning permits for Goldmining in Northern Ireland and to visit the Sperrins site and hold a meeting with briefings from the Goldmining Company, Dalradian Gold and the residents' groups Save Our Sperrins and GRG concerned community group.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule briefings with representatives of Belfast City Council and Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council to consider overlap in infrastructure responsibilities and shared interest in major projects.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule a briefing from academics from the Ulster University on Coastal Erosion into the Committee's Forward Work Programme.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule briefings relevant to the scrutiny of Legislation as and when it arises.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule a briefing from Inclusive Mobility and Transport Advisory Committee (Imtac) on the issue of accessible transport and to tie this into its visit to RADAR.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule briefings on the Department's ongoing consultations on:

- Review of Taxi regulations
- Sustainable Development in the Countryside
- Wind energy inquiry – review of renewable energy guidance
- New Seat Belt Regulations
- Tackling Drink Driving
- Belfast Bicycle Network Plan
- Approved Driving Instructor and Approved Motorcycling Instructor Schemes
- EU Directive on Authorised Weights and Dimensions in traffic
- Increase in the unladen weight of powered wheelchairs and mobility scooters
- Proposal to change the age at which a vehicle becomes eligible to be classed as a historical vehicle
- Proposal to provide a roadworthiness test for a T5 tractor which can be used as a goods carrying vehicle
- Proposal to align Transport Act (NI) 1967 exemptions with 1071/2009
- Exempting Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles from certain licensing requirements
- Consultation on the removal of duty to install water meters
- Consultation on the use of seatbelts on large buses and coaches by children.
- Consultation on the Railways Infrastructure Regulations
- Proposed Consultation- Level Crossing Orders for Bellarena, Castlerock and Bushmills Road Coleraine

- Proposed Consultation - The Rail Passengers Rights and Obligations

The Committee considered draft Committee correspondence to the Minister regarding the delay in issuing Blue Badges.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to issue the correspondence to the Minister.

The Committee considered a draft Press Release regarding the delay in issuing Blue Badges.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to issue the Press Release.

5. Correspondence

Ms Kellie Armstrong declared an interest as a former director of Rural Community Transport.

- Correspondence from the Committee for the Executive Office providing an Assembly Research and Information Service Paper on the Programme for Government 2016-2021.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence and include it in the meeting pack for the briefing on the Programme for Government when scheduled.

- Departmental consultation on proposals to introduce legislation to exempt Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the consultation.

- Departmental consultation on proposals to increase the Unladen Weight of Powered Wheelchairs and Mobility Scooters.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the consultation.

- Correspondence from the Committee for Finance regarding a report into the Budget 2017-2020.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to request further information on the Budget from the Department.

- Correspondence from the Ards Peninsula Coastal Erosion Group inviting the Committee on a visit to the area.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule a visit to the Ards Peninsula.

- Departmental response regarding the cost of claims made to the Department in respect of damage to vehicles.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the response.

- Departmental response regarding the ratio of spending on roads and public transport.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to request a research paper providing further information on transport spend in Northern Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales.

- Departmental update on the Bicycle Strategy.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the update.

- Correspondence from Belfast Metropolitan College welcoming the Chairperson to his role.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Correspondence from the Construction Employers' Federation providing a response to the Draft Programme for Government.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence and include it in the meeting pack for the briefing on the Programme for Government when scheduled.

- Departmental consultation on the removal of duty to install water meters.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the consultation.

- Departmental consultation on the use of seatbelts on large buses and coaches by children – Summary of Responses.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the consultation and include in the meeting pack for the briefing on 21 September 2016.

- Correspondence from SONI requesting to meet with the Committee to discuss the North south Interconnector Project.

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

- Departmental response regarding road safety concerns around 4 Primary Schools in the Foyle Constituency.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the response.

- Correspondence from Investment strategy for Northern Ireland providing the Departmental Investing Activity report for July 2016.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Correspondence from Strategem providing a Summary Report on Building Resilience: Flooding in Northern Ireland.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the Report.

- Correspondence from Mr Eamonn McCann MLA regarding the illegal dump at Mobouy Road.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Departmental response regarding membership of the Coastal Management Forum.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the response.

- Correspondence from the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People providing a response to the Draft Programme for Government.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence and include it in the meeting pack for the briefing on the Programme for Government when scheduled.

- Departmental response to an Issues Paper on Public Transport in Belfast City Centre.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the response.

- Departmental consultation on Railways Infrastructure Regulations.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the consultation.

- Correspondence from the Northern Ireland Assembly EU Affairs Manager providing the EU Matters Newsletter – Issues 3.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Departmental correspondence providing the Equality Scheme Bi-Annual Progress Report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Correspondence from the Northern Ireland Executive Office Brussels providing the Brussels Report from April 16 – July 16.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Departmental consultation on regulations to tackle drink driving – summary of responses.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the consultation and include in the meeting pack for the briefing when scheduled.

- Correspondence from the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the A6 Randalstown Dualling Scheme.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Correspondence from the Speaker's Office regarding Committee Procedures.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Assembly Research and Information Service paper on Building Resilience Flooding in Northern Ireland National Flood Forum Workshop Summary Report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the research paper.

- Departmental correspondence providing an update on Belfast Rapid Transit.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Departmental Proposed Consultation - Level Crossing Orders for Bellarena Castlerock and Bushmills Road Coleraine.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the consultation.

- Departmental Proposed Consultation on Rail Passengers Rights and Obligations.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the consultation.

- Assembly Research and Information Service paper, Overview of the Integrated Transport Pilot.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the research paper.

- Assembly Research and Information Service paper, Coastal Erosion in Northern Ireland

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the research paper.

- Assembly Research and Information Service paper on Gold Mining: Regulatory Responsibilities

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the research paper.

- Assembly Research and Information Service paper, Implications of Brexit for Transport and Water Policy

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the research paper.

- Assembly Research and Information Service paper, Cycling: Consider This.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the research paper.

- Assembly Research and Information Service paper, Bus Operator Licensing.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the research paper.

- Departmental correspondence on the proposed modified timetable for the Belfast to Dublin Enterprise Service.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Correspondence from an individual to Translink regarding the Metro Bus Service.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the individual advising him that it cannot consider individual complaints and providing him with the names and contact details for the 6 Members of the Northern Ireland Assembly for his constituency.

- Departmental consultation – Development in the Countryside – Summary of Responses.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the consultation and include in the meeting pack for the briefing when scheduled.

- Departmental consultation – Renewable Energy – Summary of Responses.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the consultation and include in the meeting pack for the briefing when scheduled.

- Correspondence from the Committee for the Executive Office providing an update on the EU Referendum.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Departmental correspondence regarding Belfast Rapid Transit Public Information Events.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Invitation to the Annual Health and Social Care Regulations Reception

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the invitation.

- Invitation to the Attorney General’s Colloquium on Getting Legislation Right.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the invitation.

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

10:17 am Mr Daniel McCrossan joined the meeting.

- The Committee considered the following SL1’s which are not subject to any Assembly proceedings.

- SL1 - The Waiting Restrictions (Dundonald) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SL1 - The Roads (Speed Limit) (No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SL1 - The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Dungannon) (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SL1 - The Bus Lanes Order (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SL1 - The Prohibition of U-Turn (A26 Lisnevenagh Road, Kells) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SL1 - The Parking Places (Disabled Persons' Vehicles) (Amendment No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SL1 - The Parking Places (Disabled Persons' Vehicles) (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SL1 - The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Londonderry) (Amendment No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SL1 - The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Carrickfergus) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SL1 - The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Ballymena) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SL1 - The Loading Bays On Roads (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SL1 - The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Belfast) (Amendment No 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SL1 - The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Mossley) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SL1 - The Motor Hackney Carriages (Bangor) Bye-Laws (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SL1 - The Bus Lanes (Andersonstown Road and Stewartstown Road, Belfast – Between Finaghy Road North and Michael Ferguson Roundabout) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SL1 - The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Belfast) (Amendment No. 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SL1 - The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Bangor) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

The Committee considered correspondence regarding *The Roads (Miscellaneous Provisions) (2010 Act) (Commencement) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016*.

Agreed: The Committee agreed not to note the SL1 on this occasion and allow the Department to withdraw it for alteration.

7. Subordinate Legislation – SR's Not Subject to Assembly Proceedings

- The Committee considered the following SR's which are not subject to any Assembly proceedings.
 - SR 2016-256 The Road Races (Armoy Motorcycle Race) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
 - SR 2016-260 The Road Races (Garron Point Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
 - SR 2016-261 The Road Races (Eagles Rock Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
 - SR 2016-262 The One-Way Traffic (Belfast) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

- SR 2016-263 The Bus Lanes (Divis Street and Falls Road, Belfast – Between Millfield and Grosvenor Road) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-264 The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Belfast) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-271 The Roads (Speed Limit) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-272 The Roads (Speed Limit) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-273 The Parking Places (Disabled Persons' Vehicles) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-275 The Road Races (Ulster Grand Prix Bike Week) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-276 The Waiting Restrictions (Millisle) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-277 The Waiting Restrictions (Lambeg) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-278 The One-Way Traffic (Ballyclare) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-279 The Waiting Restrictions (Templepatrick) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-280 The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Newtownards) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-281 The One-Way Traffic (Omagh) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-282 The Prohibition of U-Turn (A3 Northway, Portadown) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-283 The Prohibition of Right-Hand Turn (Carrickfergus) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-284 The Parking Places and Waiting Restrictions (Moy) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-285 The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Londonderry) (Amendment No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-286 The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Dungannon) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-287 The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Belfast) (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-288 The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Banbridge) (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-289 The Parking Places, Loading Bays and Waiting Restrictions (Portadown) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-290 The Road Races (Ulster Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-292 The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Lurgan) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-293 The Prohibition of Waiting (Schools) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-305 The Cycle Routes (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-306 The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Carrickfergus) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-307 The Taxi Buses (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-308 The Control of Traffic (Armagh) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-311 The Road Races (Knockagh Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

Agreed: That the Committee for Infrastructure has considered the SR's and has no objection to the rules.

8. SL1 - The Road Traffic (Amendment Act) (Commencement No 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 and The Motor Cycles (Protective Headgear) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

The Committee considered SL1 - The Road Traffic (Amendment Act) (Commencement No 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 and The Motor Cycles (Protective Headgear) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.

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

9. SL1 - The Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Tachographs) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

The Committee considered SL1 - The Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Tachographs) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

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

10. SL1 - The Groganstown Road, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

The Committee considered SL1 - The Groganstown Road, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

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

11. SL1 - The Route F1403 Footpath Between Ashdene Park, Taghnevan and Tullygally East Road, Craigavon (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

The Committee considered SL1 - The Route F1403 Footpath Between Ashdene Park, Taghnevan and Tullygally East Road, Craigavon (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

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

12. SL1 - The Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

The Committee considered SL1 - The Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

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

13. SL1 - The Derriaghy Road, Lisburn (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

The Committee considered SL1 - The Derriaghy Road, Lisburn (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

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

14. SL1 - The A1 Hillsborough Road Between Hillsborough Roundabout and Partridge Link, Hillsborough (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

The Committee considered SL1 - The A1 Hillsborough Road Between Hillsborough Roundabout and Partridge Link, Hillsborough (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

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

15. SR 2016-267 The Railways (Safety Management) (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2016

Agreed: That the Committee for Infrastructure has considered SR 2016-267 The Railways (Safety Management) (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2016 and has no objection to the rule.

16. SR 2016/291 The Donaghadee (Harbour Area) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

Agreed: That the Committee for Infrastructure has considered SR 2016/291 The Donaghadee (Harbour Area) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 and has no objection to the rule.

17. Departmental Briefing – Strategic Plan for Greenways

10:21 am The Departmental officials joined the meeting.

The Committee was briefed by Dr Andrew Grieve, Head of Cycling Unit and Ms Claire Mulvenna, Cycling Unit.

10:41 am Mr Paul Girvan joined the meeting.

10:41 am Mr George Robinson joined the meeting.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

Agreed: The Departmental officials agreed to provide the Committee with a detailed map of disused railway lines across Northern Ireland.

11:12 am The Departmental officials left the meeting.

18. Briefing from Translink – Integrated Ticketing

11:12 am The officials joined the meeting.

The Committee was briefed by Mr Chris Conway, Chief Executive, Mr Paddy Anderson, Chief Financial Officer and Mr Ciaran Doran, Director Public Transport services division.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

11:33 am Mr Justin McNulty joined the meeting.

11:40 am The officials left the meeting.

11:41 am Mr Eamonn McCann left the meeting.

19. Draft Forward Work Programme

The Committee considered the draft Forward Work Programme for Autumn 2016.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content to schedule these briefings.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule a visit and Committee meeting at Waterways Ireland on 19 October 2016.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the Clerk would consider the practicality of visiting the Great Western Greenway, Mayo, Ireland and report back to the Chairperson.

11:45 am Mr Eamonn McCann re-joined the meeting.

20. Any Other Business

None.

21. Date, time and place of next meeting

The Committee noted that the next meeting should be held on Wednesday, 21 September 2016 at 10:00 am in The Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

11:47 pm The Chairperson adjourned the meeting.

Mr William Humphrey MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Infrastructure

21 September 2016