



**Northern Ireland  
Assembly**

**COMMITTEE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2016**

**SENATE CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

- Present: Mr William Humphrey (Chairperson)
- Mr George Robinson MLA (Deputy-Chairperson)  
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)  
Mrs Sharon Young (Clerical Officer)  
Mr Daniel Lowe (Legislative Studies and Practice Student)
- Apologies: Ms Kellie Armstrong MLA

*10:00 am The meeting opened in public session.*

**1. Apologies**

Apologies are detailed above.

## **2. Chairpersons Business**

- The Chairperson advised Members that the DVA Enforcement Statistics were issued via email to them last week.

*10:06 am Mr Justin McNulty joined the meeting.*

- The Committee considered the list of stakeholders for inviting to the Committee Road Safety Event on 23 November 2016.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed an amended list of stakeholders.

- The Committee discussed when it should schedule an evidence session on Programme for Government.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to schedule a meeting for 8 November at 2:00 pm to scrutinise the Programme for Government if, it has been issued by The Executive.

- The Committee considered a draft press release for its visit to Translink.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that the press release should issue after the visit.

- The Committee discussed the allocation of £30M to the Department for Infrastructure in the October Monitoring Round.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to issue a Press Release welcoming the additional allocation.

## **3. Minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2016**

*Agreed:* The minutes of the meeting on 19 October 2016 were agreed.

## **4. Matters Arising**

None.

## **5. Correspondence**

- Correspondence from the Committee for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs regarding the fish kill on the Carrigs River, Co. Down.

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

*10:06 am Mr Declan McAleer joined the meeting.*

- Correspondence from Mr Paul Savage regarding the Public Accounts Committee Report on The effectiveness of Public Transport in Northern Ireland including Translink's Integrated Ticketing System.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the correspondence and forward it to the Department along with the Department for Finance and Personnel Memorandum on the PAC Report for information and comment.

- Ministerial response to Committee correspondence relating to the renewal of Blue Badges.

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

- Correspondence from the Committee for Finance regarding the Budget Timeline.

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

- Correspondence from Assembly Research and Information Service providing a paper on Selected Causes of Fatal and Serious Road Traffic Collisions in Northern Ireland.

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

- Departmental correspondence regarding the appointment of Members to the Board of Warrenpoint Harbour Authority.

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

- Correspondence from the Committee for the Executive Office regarding the Together: Building a United Community Strategy.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the correspondence and inform the Committee for the Executive Office that much of its work promotes good relations such as the Road Safety Stakeholder Event it is sponsoring.

- Departmental response regarding the use of Seatbelts by Child Passengers on Buses and Coaches.

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

- Belfast International Airport response regarding contingency measures for major incidents at Belfast International Airport.

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

- Departmental response regarding the current position of pilots of resident's parking schemes.

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

- Correspondence from the Committee for the Executive Office regarding possible timescales for co-ordinating a response to the Draft Programme for Government consultation.

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

- Departmental response regarding current levels of reserves held by Translink.

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

- Ministerial correspondence regarding a Planning Application for an extension to Dunloy Quarry.

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

- Ministerial correspondence regarding a Planning Application for a New Quarry at 130 Saintfield Road, Lisburn.

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

- Correspondence from the Committee for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs regarding the Regional Review of the Winter Flooding Report.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the correspondence and forward a copy of the Review Report to the Committee for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs when received.

- Correspondence from the Committee for Finance providing an Assembly Research and Information Service paper on Forthcoming Executive Draft Budget 2017-2018.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to forward the research paper to the Department for comment on the relevant questions posed in the paper.

- An invitation to the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission Annual Statement Launch.

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

**6. SR 2016-370 The Derriaghy Road, Lisburn (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

*Agreed:* That the Committee for Infrastructure has considered SR 2016-370 The Derriaghy Road, Lisburn (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 and has no objection to the rule.

**7. SR 2016-371 The A1 Hillsborough Road (between Hillsborough Roundabout and Pantridge Link), Hillsborough (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

*Agreed:* That the Committee for Infrastructure has considered SR 2016-371 The A1 Hillsborough Road (between Hillsborough Roundabout and Pantridge Link),

Hillsborough (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 and has no objection to the rule.

**8. SR 2016-372 The Route F1403 Footpath between Ashdene Park, Taghnevan and Tullygally East Road, Craigavon (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

*Agreed:* That the Committee for Infrastructure has considered SR 2016-372 The Route F1403 Footpath between Ashdene Park, Taghnevan and Tullygally East Road, Craigavon (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 and has no objection to the rule.

**9. Northern Ireland Water - Scrutiny of Annual Report & Accounts**

*10:11 am The representatives joined the meeting.*

The Committee was briefed by Ms Sara Venning, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Water and Mr Ronan Larkin, Director of Finance and Regulation, Northern Ireland Water.

*10:15 am Mr Daniel McCrossan joined the meeting.*

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

*10:25 am Mr Paul Girvan joined the meeting.*

*Agreed:* The representatives agreed to provide information on the cost of the installation of water meters to date.

*10:49 am Mr Alex Easton joined the meeting.*

*11:24 am The representatives left the meeting.*

**10. Northern Ireland Water - Pollution Incident - Annsborough/Carrig River**

*11:25 am The representatives joined the meeting.*

The Committee was briefed by Ms Sara Venning, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Water, Mr Alec McQuillan, Acting Director of Customer Service Delivery and Ms Angela Halpenny, Head of Environmental Regulation.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

*Agreed:* The representatives agreed to provide the Committee with details of the total cost of the incident when available.

*Agreed:* The representatives agreed to provide the Committee with the report by the Food Standards Agency into the impact of the incident when available.

*11:44 am Mr Declan McAleer left the meeting.*

*11:55 am The representatives left the meeting.*

*11:55 am The Committee adjourned.*

*12:02 pm The Committee recommenced.*

Present: Mr William Humphrey (Chairperson)  
Mr George Robinson MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Paul Girvan MLA  
Mr Eamonn McCann MLA  
Mr Fra McCann MLA  
Mr Daniel McCrossan MLA  
Mr Justin McNulty MLA  
Mrs Jenny Palmer MLA

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to forward a copy off the Hansard of the briefing session to the Committee for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs for information.

## **11. Departmental Evidence Session - The Departments (Transfer of Functions) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

*12:03 pm The Departmental officials joined the meeting.*

The Committee was briefed by Ms Linda MacHugh, Director of Water Policy & Shareholder Unit and Mr Kieran Brazier, Head of Legislation Team, Water Policy & Drainage.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

*12:17 pm Mr Declan McAleer re-joined the meeting.*

*12:19 pm The Departmental officials left the meeting.*

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Committee for the Executive Office indicating that the Committee is content with the proposed subordinate legislation.

## **12. Draft Forward Work Programme**

The Committee considered the draft Forward Work Programme to December 2016.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to schedule a meeting and visit to Belfast City Hall on 7 December 2016.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to schedule briefings from Belfast City Council, Belfast Chamber of Commerce, the Taxi Forum and the Roads Service Northern Ireland at its meeting in Belfast City Hall on 7 December 2016.

*12:23 pm Mr Declan McAleer left the meeting.*

*12:23 pm Mr Fra McCann left the meeting.*

*12:24 pm Mr Justin McNulty left the meeting.*

**13. Any Other Business**

None.

**14. Date, time and place of next meeting**

The Committee noted that the next meeting should be held on Wednesday, 16 November 2016 at 10:00 am in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

The Committee noted that it will be visiting Translink on Wednesday 9 November 2016

*12:25 pm The Chairperson adjourned the meeting.*

**Mr William Humphrey MLA  
Chairperson, Committee for Infrastructure**

**16 November 2016**