



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**TUESDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2014**  
**ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

Present: Mr David Hilditch (Deputy Chairperson)  
Ms Michaela Boyle  
Ms Anna Lo

In Attendance: Mr Paul Gill (Assembly Clerk)  
Mrs Hilary Cleland-Bogle (Assistant Clerk)  
Mr Jonathan Watson (Clerical Supervisor)

Apologies: Mr Danny Kinahan (Chairperson)

*The meeting commenced at 3.32pm in open session*

#### **Chairperson's Introduction**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that the meeting should be held in closed session.

The Chairperson welcomed Members to the meeting.

#### **1. Apologies**

As above.

#### **2. Declaration of Interests**

The Chairperson reminded Members of their obligation to declare any relevant financial or other interests before and during each Committee meeting.

#### **3. Draft minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

*Agreed:* The draft minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013 were agreed by the Committee.

#### **4. Matters arising**

Members noted correspondence from the NIAO in response to issues raised by the Committee at its last meeting when considering the draft NIAO Corporate Plan and the January Monitoring Round.

Members noted that as agreed at the last meeting, a joint visit by the Audit Committee and the Public Accounts Committee to the NIAO is being arranged by the Public Accounts Committee and proposed dates will be circulated to members in due course.

#### **5. Appointment of the External Auditor for the NIAO**

Members noted a paper from the Department of Finance and Personnel.

The Chairperson welcomed Ms Fiona Hamill, Treasury Officer of Accounts, DFP; and Ms Alison Caldwell, Head of Fraud and Internal Audit Policy, Central Finance Group, DFP and invited Ms Hamill to brief the Committee on the DFP Paper.

Following a question and answer session the Chairperson thanked Ms Hamill and Ms Caldwell for attending the meeting.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to endorse the appointment of Baker Tilly Mooney Moore, as the external auditor of the NIAO for an initial three year period 2013/14 to 2015/16.

#### **6. Any other business**

There was no other business.

#### **7. Time, date and place of next meeting**

Members noted that Committee staff will inform members of the time, date and place of the next meeting in due course.

*The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 3.49pm.*

Danny Kinahan  
**Chairperson**  
**Audit Committee**

**Dated:** 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014