

COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY 20th MARCH 2014

ROOM 21 PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Miss Michelle McIlveen MLA (Chairperson)
Mr William Irwin MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr David Hilditch MLA
Mr William Humphrey MLA
Ms Rosaleen McCorley MLA
Mr Basil McCrea MLA
Mrs Karen McKeivitt MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

Apologies: Mr Dominic Bradley MLA
Mr Michael McGimpsey MLA
Mr Oliver McMullan MLA

In attendance: Mr Peter Hall (Clerk)
Ms Ciara McKay (Assistant Clerk)
Mr Jonathan Lamont (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Malcolm Collins (Clerical Officer)
Ms Megan Ward (Bursary Student)

The Committee opened in public session at 10.27am.

1. Inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities: Briefing from the Arts Council of Northern Ireland

The following officials joined the meeting at 10.37am:

Chairman, Mr Bob Collins;
Chief Executive, Ms Roisin McDonough;
Director of Arts Development, Ms Nóirín McKinney; and
Director of Strategic Development, Mr Nick Livingston.

The officials briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed

Agreed: The Committee invited the Arts Council to return to brief it at the end of the inquiry to address any outstanding issues.

2. Inquiry into Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities: Briefing from Arts and Business Northern Ireland

The following officials joined the meeting at 11.59am:

Chair, Dr Joanne Stuart; and
Chief Executive, Ms Mary Trainor-Nagele.

The official briefed the Committee.

A question and answer session followed.

Agreed: Officials agreed to provide a breakdown of funding across rural and urban areas; and details of case studies across regions.

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