

# COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016

Room 30, Parliament Buildings

Present: Mr. Nelson McCausland MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr. Gordon Dunne MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr. Leslie Cree MLA  
Ms. Rosaleen McCorley MLA  
Mrs. Karen McKevitt MLA  
Mr. Basil McCrea MLA  
Mr. Oliver McMullan MLA  
Mr. William Humphrey MLA  
Mr. David Hilditch MLA

In attendance: Mr. Peter Hall (Clerk)  
Mr. Jonathan Lamont (Assistant Clerk)  
Ms. Gillian Kirk-Lyness (Assistant Clerk)  
Miss Sabra Wray (Clerical Officer)

Apologies: Mr. Cathal Ó hOisín MLA  
Mr. Dominic Bradley MLA

*The Committee commenced in closed session at 10.09am*

Basil McCrea joined the meeting at 10.10am

### 1. **RaISe briefing on Draft Executive Budget**

Karen McKevitt joined the meeting at 10.11am

The following official briefed the Committee

Pamela Dugdale, Assembly Research Officer, Assembly Public Finance Scrutiny Unit.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the Research paper to the Department for further clarification.

Karen McKevitt left the meeting at 10.37am

David Hilditch left the meeting at 10.39am

Agreed: The Committee agreed to commission further research on reallocations.

Noted: The Committee noted correspondence from Antoinette McKeown and agreed to reschedule her evidence session for 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016, subject to availability.

David Hilditch re-joined the meeting at 10.48am

The meeting continued in public session at 10.50am

**2. Apologies**

Apologies noted above.

**3. Draft Minutes of meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015.**

*Agreed:* The minutes of the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were agreed.

**4. Inquiry into issues around emergency exiting plans, including their impact on stadium capacity, for the redeveloped Casement Park stadium.**

The evidence session with Antoinette McKeown was rescheduled to 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016, subject to availability.

Karen McKeivitt re-joined the meeting at 11.15am

**5. RaISe briefing on EU Issues**

The following official joined the meeting at 10.52am

Dr Dan Hull, Assembly Research Officer.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to seek further information from the Creative Europe Desk Officer based in the Arts Council.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to seek further information on UNESCO status for hurling.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to seek further information on rights of musicians.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to seek further information from Sport NI on the level of its engagement in the European Week of Sport for September 2016.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to reply to OFMDFM Committee regarding EU priorities.

**6. Inclusion in the Arts of Working Class Communities**

*Noted:* The Committee noted the Motion and the proposed date for the debate on the inquiry report.

## **7. Matters Arising**

*Noted:* The Committee noted the on Transfer of Functions responses received to date from the Department's Arm's-Length Bodies.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to schedule briefings from Libraries NI and ACNI on Transfer of Functions and draft budget 2016/17.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the response from Causeway Coast and Glens Council regarding funding for the Dungiven Sports facility and Causeway Sports Village.

*Noted:* The Committee noted correspondence from NI Commonwealth Games Council regarding the 2021 Commonwealth Youth Games and anticipate an outcome shortly.

*Noted:* The Committee noted the DCAL response regarding the draft budget 2016/17.

*Noted:* The Committee noted correspondence from DCAL regarding Armagh Planetarium.

Karen McKeivitt left the meeting at 11.22am  
Karen McKeivitt re-joined the meeting at 11.25am

*Agreed:* The Committee noted the correspondence from the NI Assembly Commission regarding Sign Language legislation and agreed to include this issue in its Legacy Report.

## **8. Correspondence**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to forward a copy of its correspondence to DCMS regarding BBC Charter renewal to the Northern Ireland BBC Trust representative and to the Department.

## **9. Chairperson's Business**

There were no items of Chairpersons' Business.

## **10. Forward Work Programme**

*Noted:* The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme.

## **11. Any Other Business**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to issue a message of congratulations to Rory Best as captain of the Ireland rugby team for the Six Nations tournament.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek further information from Mrs McKevitt regarding upcoming possibilities of hosting games for a European football tournament for women.

**12. Date, Time and Place of next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 10.00am in Room 30.

**13. Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 11.31am.*

**Mr. Nelson McCausland  
Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016**