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# Chairpersons' Liaison Group

## Minutes of Proceedings

Monday 8 November 2021

**Meeting Location:** Virtual Meeting via StarLeaf

**Present by Video or Teleconference:**

Dr Steve Aiken OBE MLA  
Dr Caoimhe Archibald MLA  
Ms Paula Bradley MLA  
Ms Sinead McLaughlin MLA  
Ms Carál Ní Chuilín MLA (Chairperson)  
Ms Emma Sheerin MLA  
Mr Peter Weir MLA

**Apologies:**

Mr William Humphrey MLA  
Mr Colm Gildernew MLA  
Mr Daniel McCrossan MLA

**In Attendance by Video or Teleconference:**



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Mr Alex Maskey MLA, The Speaker (agenda item 4)  
Mr Robin Ramsey, Adviser to the Speaker (agenda item 4)  
Mrs Lesley Hogg, Chief Executive/Clerk to the Assembly  
Dr Kevin Pelan, Clerk Assistant  
Mr Paul Gill, Clerk Assistant  
Ms Stella McArdle, Committee Clerk  
Mr Trevor Allen, Senior Assistant Clerk  
Mr Stewart Kennedy, Clerical Supervisor  
Ms Jenny Massey, Clerical Supervisor  
Ms Stephanie Mallon, Bill Clerk (agenda item 4)  
Ms Emer Boyle, Committee Clerk (agenda item 5)

The meeting commenced at 3:35 pm in closed session.

**1. Apologies**

As above.

**2. Chairperson's Business**

The Chairperson welcomed Sinead McLaughlin to the meeting and thanked her for taking up the role of Deputy Chairperson.



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### 3. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of 19 October 2021, as circulated and agreed by correspondence, were noted.

### 4. Legislative pressures

The Chairperson welcomed the Speaker and Mr Ramsey to the meeting.

*Ms McLaughlin joined the meeting at 3:39 pm*

*Mr Weir joined the meeting at 3:40 pm*

The Speaker discussed legislative pressures until the end of the mandate and addressed issues raised by Chairpersons.

*Mr Weir left the meeting at 3:49 pm*

*Ms Sheerin and Dr Archibald left the meeting at 4:00 pm*

### 5. Committee on Procedures Ongoing Inquiry – Private Members' Bills (PMBs)

Chairpersons noted a draft response to the Committee on Procedures on its Inquiry into Private Members' Bills.

**Agreed:** Chairpersons agreed to consider the draft response to the Committee on Procedures and advise the Clerk to CLG by correspondence of any suggested amendments by Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November and that the response, as amended, be considered at the CLG meeting of 16 November.

### 6. Any Other Business

None.



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## **7. Date, Time and Place of the next meeting**

The next Chairpersons' Liaison Group meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 16 November 2021 at 1.15 pm via StarLeaf.

The meeting was adjourned at 4.02 pm.

**Ms Carál Ní Chuilín MLA**  
**Chairperson, Chairpersons' Liaison Group**