



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Committee for Communities

Minutes of Proceedings

Tuesday 2 November 2021

Meeting Location: Room 30, Parliament Buildings, Belfast

Present: Mrs Kellie Armstrong MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Andy Allen MLA
Mr Paul Frew MLA
Ms Áine Murphy MLA
Mr Mark Durkan MLA

Present by Video or Teleconference:

Ms Paula Bradley MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Stephen Dunne MLA

Apologies: Ciara Ferguson

In Attendance: Dr Janice Thompson (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Sean McCann (Assistant Clerk)
Ms Rachel Ashe (Clerical Supervisor)
Ms Antoinette Bowen (Clerical Officer)



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The meeting began in open session at 9.00 am. The Deputy Chairperson, Kellie Armstrong, assumed the Chair. The following Members were present at the start of the open session: Kellie Armstrong, Andy Allen, Stephen Dunne, Paula Bradley.

1. Apologies

None.

2. Briefing by Housing Rights on the Private Tenancies Bill

Áine Murphy joined the meeting at 9.01am.

Mark Durkan joined the meeting at 9.03am.

Paul Frew joined the meeting at 9.04am.

Andy Allen declared an interest as a private landlord.

Paul Frew declared an interest as a private landlord and as a qualified electrician.

The following representatives joined the meeting:

Ms Kate McCauley

Ms Kerry Logan

Ms Faith Westwood

The representatives briefed the Committee and took part in a question and answer session with Members.

The Chairperson thanked the representatives for their attendance.



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3. Briefing by Renters' Voice on the Private Tenancies Bill

The following representatives joined the meeting:

Ms Claire Maddison

Ms Jenni Millar

Mr Glenn Willis

The representatives briefed the Committee and took part in a question and answer session with Members.

The Chairperson thanked the representatives for their attendance.

Stephen Dunne left the meeting at 9.40am.

Andy Allen left the meeting at 09.53am.

4. Briefing by The Chartered Institute of Housing on the Private Tenancies Bill

The following representatives joined the meeting:

Mr Justin Cartwright

Ms Heather Wilson

The representatives briefed the Committee and took part in a question and answer session with Members.

The Chairperson thanked the representatives for their attendance.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Chartered Institute for Housing to request the content of their training materials for private landlords.



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5. Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 4 November 2021 in Room 29, Parliament Buildings, at 9.00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.26am.

Paula Bradley MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Communities