



**Northern Ireland
Assembly**

COMMITTEE FOR THE ECONOMY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

16 SEPTEMBER 2020

ROOM 30, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

10:00am

- Present:
- Dr Caoímhe Archibald (Chairperson)
 - Ms Sinéad McLaughlin (Deputy Chairperson)
 - Mr Stewart Dickson
 - Mr Gary Middleton
 - Mr John O'Dowd
 - Mr John Stewart
 - Ms Claire Sugden
- In Attendance:
- Mr Peter Hall (Assembly Clerk)
 - Ms Sinead Kelly (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
 - Mr David McClure (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
 - Mr Michael Greer (Clerical Supervisor)
 - Mr Thomas Manning (Clerical Officer)
- Apologies:
- Mr Gordon Dunne MBE
 - Mr Christopher Stalford

The meeting began at 10:05am in open session.

1. Apologies

As noted above.

6. Oral Briefing from Excluded NI – Impact of Covid-19 and access to support

The witness joined the meeting at 12.39am

Members received a briefing from:

Brian Donaldson, Spokesperson, ExcludedNI

Key issues discussed included: the groups who have missed out on executive funding, the need for a targeted intervention to help those groups & the support that should be offered to those wishing to become self-employed.

Stewart Dickson returned to the meeting at 12.48pm

The witness left the meeting at 1.21pm

7. Matters Arising

Members agreed to defer until next week.

8. Impact of Covid-19 on Higher Education Teaching, Access to Facilities and Fee's

Members agreed to defer until next week.

9. Correspondence

Noted: Members noted correspondence from the Chairperson of “Belcoo Frack Free” regarding research being considered by the Department into petroleum licensing.

Agreed: to write to the Minister to ask for an urgent update.

10. Any Other Business

No items of business were recorded.

11. SL1 – Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act (Meetings Amendment) Regulation (Northern Ireland) 2020

Members agreed to defer until next week.

12. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will take place on Wednesday 23rd September 2020 in Room 30, Parliament Buildings at 10am.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1.24pm

Dr Caoímhe Archibald
Chairperson
Committee for the Economy
23rd September 2020