



**Northern Ireland  
Assembly**

**COMMITTEE FOR THE ECONOMY**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**2 FEBRUARY 2021**

**ROOM 30, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**9:00am**

Present: Dr Caoímhe Archibald (Chairperson)  
Ms Sinéad McLaughlin (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr John O'Dowd  
Mr Christopher Stalford  
Mr John Stewart

In Attendance: Mr Peter Hall (Assembly Clerk)  
Ms Sinead Kelly (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Mr Michael Greer (Clerical Supervisor)  
Mr Thomas Manning (Clerical Officer)

Apologies: Mr Stewart Dickson  
Mr Gordon Dunne MBE  
Mr Gary Middleton  
Ms Claire Sugden

*The meeting began at 09:18am in open session.*

## **1. Apologies**

As noted above.

## **2. Oral Briefing from the Department for the Economy: EU Exit Update**

*The officials joined the meeting at 09.19am*

Members received a briefing from:

**Shane Murphy,**

Head of EU Exit Preparation and Transition  
Group, Department for the Economy

**Giulia Ni Dhulchaointigh,**

Head of EU Exit Trade Negotiations,  
Department for the Economy

**Ryan Hill,**

EU Exit Trade & Mitigation, Department for the  
Economy

Key issues discussed included: the agreement that was reached between the UK and the EU in December, the impact that the agreement has had on the movement of goods between GB and NI, the role of the Trader Support Scheme and the need for local businesses to be ready for the impact of tariffs.

*Agreed:* The Officials agreed to supply the Committee with updates from the Invest NI clinics.

*The officials left the meeting at 10.13am*

## **3. Any Other Business**

There were no items of business.

## **4. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 in Room 29, Parliament Buildings at 10am.

*The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10.13am*

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**Dr Caoímhe Archibald**  
**Chairperson**  
**Committee for the Economy**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021**