



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Committee for The Executive Office

Minutes of Proceedings

Wednesday 5 May 2021

Meeting Location: Virtually via Video Conferencing

Present by Video or Teleconference:

Mr Colin McGrath MLA (Chairperson)

Ms Martina Anderson MLA

Mr George Robinson MLA

Mr Trevor Lunn MLA

Ms Emma Sheerin MLA

Mr Pat Sheehan MLA

Mr Christopher Stalford MLA

Mr Trevor Clarke MLA

Apologies: Mr Doug Beattie MLA (Deputy Chairperson)

In Attendance by Video or Teleconference:

Mr Michael Potter (Assembly Clerk)

Ms Sarah-Anne McKinley (Assistant Clerk)

Ms Alice O'Hare (Clerical Supervisor)

Ms Andrienne Magee (Clerical Officer)



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The meeting commenced at 2:03pm in open session

1. Apologies

As Above.

2. Chairperson's Business

The Chairperson updated Members on the informal meeting on 5 May 2021 with survivors of Historical Institutional Abuse in relation to issues surrounding the Redress Board including victims' feedback on their experience of the service.

The Chairperson informed Members that a summary paper compiling all the key issues raised would be presented at the next meeting of the Committee on 12 May 2021.

The Chairperson noted a letter from the Committee for the Economy to the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee requesting that future scrutiny of the Ireland/ Northern Ireland Protocol is conducted through correspondence, not through informal meetings with Chairs of Northern Ireland Assembly Committees.

3. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5 May 2021.



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4. Matters Arising

The Chairperson informed Members that the Committee has received an invitation from the Oireachtas Joint Committee on European Union Affairs to attend their Committee meeting on Wednesday 12 May 2021 at 9:30am. The meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

The Chairperson encouraged all Members to attend where possible and to inform the Clerk if they are able to do so.

5. Forward Work Programme

The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme for May to June 2021.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite the SEUPB (Special EU Programmes Body) to provide an oral briefing on the PEACE PLUS public consultation feedback to Members on 26 May 2021.

6. Correspondence

- i. The Committee considered a response from the Executive Office regarding Departments SR 2021 No. 114, The Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to formally consider this SR on 19 May 2021, which is subject to the affirmative resolution procedure.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to other Statutory Committees affected by the SR to enquire that they are content.

- ii. The Committee noted correspondence from the Executive Office providing the Executive Office Disability Action Plan (DAP).



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- iii. The Committee noted the Executive Office's Statement on Outdoor Hospitality.
- iv. The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Health to the Executive Office - Clarity on Easement of Coronavirus Restrictions.
- v. The Committee noted correspondence from the Northern Ireland Assembly EU Affairs Manager - Response from Lord Frost to House of Lords EU Committee on the Joint Consultative Working Group.
- vi. The Committee noted correspondence from the Northern Ireland Assembly EU Affairs Manager - Response to House of Lords EU Committee on the PEACE PLUS Programme.
- vii. The Committee noted a statement from the European Parliament formally approving the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement.

7. Any Other Business

None.

8. Date, Time and Place of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 May 2021 at 2:00pm, virtually via Starleaf.

The meeting moved into closed session at 2.12pm.

Martina Anderson left the meeting at 2.25pm

Martina Anderson joined the meeting at 2.34pm



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Christopher Stalford joined the meeting at 2:26 pm

Trevor Clarke joined the meeting at 2:36 pm

Trevor Lunn left the meeting at 2.57pm

Trevor Lunn joined the meeting at 3.05pm

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27pm.

Colin McGrath MLA

Chairperson, Committee for the Executive Office