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## **Committee for Infrastructure**

### **Minutes of Proceedings**

26 January 2022

**Meeting Location:** Room 29, Parliament Buildings

**Present:** Mr Jonathan Buckley MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr David Hilditch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)

**Present by Video or Teleconference:**

Mr Roy Beggs MLA  
Mr Cathal Boylan MLA  
Mr Pádraig Delargy MLA  
Ms Cara Hunter MLA  
Ms Liz Kimmins MLA  
Mr Andrew Muir MLA  
Mr George Robinson MLA

**Apologies:** None

**In Attendance:** Mr Vincent Gribbin (Assembly Clerk)  
Mr Jim McManus (Assembly Clerk)  
Mr William Kinnear (Clerical Supervisor)  
Mr Stephen Magee (Clerical Supervisor)



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The meeting commenced at 10:08 am in public session.

**1. Apologies**

As above.

**2. Chairpersons Business**

The Committee considered the timetabling of its planned stakeholder event.

**Agreed** The Committee agreed to schedule the stakeholder event for 1:00pm, 9 February 2022.

**3. Draft Minutes.**

**Agreed** The Committee agreed the amended minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19 January 2022.

**4. Matters Arising**

None.

**5. Correspondence**

Correspondence from Star Car Hire regarding the application of Taxis Licencing to Limousine & Funeral vehicle drivers.



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**Agreed** The Committee agreed to note the correspondence and forward it to the Department for comment.

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George Robinson joined the meeting at 10:15 am.

## **6. Subordinate Legislation – SRs Not Subject to Assembly Proceedings**

The Committee considered the following SR not subject to any Assembly proceedings:

- SR 2022-7 The Parking Places on Roads and Waiting Restrictions (Magherafelt) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2022

**Agreed** The Committee agreed to note the Statutory Rule.

## **7. S.R. 2022/8 The Crankill Road Central Reservation, Ballymena (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2022**

The Committee considered the Statutory Rule which will stop-up a gap in the central reservation at Crankill Road, Ballymena at a point south of its junction with Fenagh Road for a distance of 5.7 metres in a southerly direction.

**Agreed** That the Committee for Infrastructure has considered SR 2022/8 The Crankill Road Central Reservation, Ballymena (Stopping-Up) Order



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(Northern Ireland) 2022 and, subject to the Examiner of Statutory Rules report, has no objection to the rule.

**8. Briefing from Translink – Budget Impact**

The representative joined the meeting at 10:13 am.

Mr Chris Conway, Chief Executive, Translink

The representative provided the Committee with an oral briefing.

A question and answer session followed.

The representative agreed to provide information on the number of Translink services per day in the period before Covid, and currently

The representative agreed to provide information on the current Translink Reserves and an overview on the total Covid support over the 2-year period.

Mr Muir declared an interest as a past employee of Translink.

The representative agreed to provide details of the figures cited regarding the funding for Translink per capita.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Conway for his attendance.

Mr Conway left the meeting at 11:31 am.

**9. Departmental Briefing – EV Infrastructure Taskforce**

The officials joined the meeting at 11:32 am

Ms Liz Loughran, Director of Transport Policy  
Mr Tim Weir, Transport Policy Division



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Mr John Starkey, Transport Policy Division

The officials provided the Committee with an oral briefing.

A question and answer session followed.

Officials agreed to provide information on the Department's match funding for councils.

The Chairperson thanked the officials for their attendance.

The officials left the meeting at 11:52 pm.

### **10. Scrutiny of Transport Common Frameworks**

The Committee considered a draft response to the Minister for Infrastructure regarding its consideration of the Common Frameworks.

**Agreed**      The Committee agreed to consider and agree a final draft of the response by email and to forward this to the Minister.

### **11. Forward Work Programme**

The Committee considered the Draft Forward Work Programme.



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## 12. Any Other Business

- Agreed** The Committee agreed to schedule a briefing from Department officials and sector representatives on the possibility of removing wedding and funeral vehicle hire companies from the Northern Ireland Taxi legislation.
- Agreed** The Committee agreed to ask the Minister to provide information on past Monitoring Round bids by her Department for road maintenance and to voice concern that there has been no bid made on in this Monitoring Round, urging her to make such a bid.
- Agreed:** The Committee agreed to write to the Department for information on its current water and drainage consultation with Ulster Anglers.
- Agreed:** The Committee agreed to write to the Minister asking her to address the backlogs in applying for MOT tests and for issuing information to the public to communicate what to do in these circumstances.
- Agreed:** The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for information on whether additional resource has been provided for officials to develop bids for road maintenance projects.

## 13. Date, Time and Place of the next meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 2 February 2022 at 10:00 am in Room 30, Parliament Buildings.

The meeting was adjourned at 12.10 pm

**Mr Jonathan Buckley MLA**  
**Chairperson, Committee for Infrastructure**



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