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List of abbreviations and acronyms used in the report

The Assembly: Northern Ireland Assembly

The Committee: Committee on Procedures

EU: European Union

HoC: House of Commons

LCM: Legislative Consent Motion

MLA: Member of the Legislative Assembly

NDNA: New Decade, New Approach

PMB: Private Members' Bill

RaISe: Research and Information Services

ToR: Terms of Reference

SO(s): Standing Order(s)

Remit, Powers and Membership of the Committee

Powers

The Committee on Procedures is a Standing Committee of the Northern Ireland Assembly established in accordance with paragraph 10 of Strand One of the Belfast Agreement and under Assembly Standing Order 54.

The Committee has power to:

- Consider and review, on an ongoing basis, the Standing Orders and procedures of the Assembly;
- Initiate inquiries and publish reports;
- Republish Standing Orders annually; and
- Call for persons and papers.

Membership

The Committee has 9 members, including a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, and a quorum of five members. The membership of the Committee is as follows:

For the January 2020 – March 2022 period of the mandate, the members were:

- Ms Carál Ní Chuilín MLA (Chairperson)^{1 2 3}
- Mr Tom Buchanan MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
- Ms Rosemary Barton MLA

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Review of 2017 – 2022 Mandate

Scrutiny

1. The Committees on Procedures (“the Committee”) for the period 2017-2022 mandate, was established when the institutions resumed in early 2020. One of the first tasks for the Committee was to identify its strategic priorities and agree a forward work programme for the remainder of the mandate.
2. The Committee received a briefing on the list of outstanding issues for its consideration which remained from the 2016-2017 pre-dissolution period. These included work in relation to arrangements for an Official Opposition, E-Petitions and PMBs. As 2020 progressed a number of further priorities emerged for the Committee stemming from the New Decade, the New Approach (NDNA) deal, and as a consequence of EU exit, new Westminster legislation and, not least, the COVID-19 pandemic.

Inquiries

The Committee undertook the following formal inquiries.

Inquiry into LCMs

3. The Committee agreed to prioritise an inquiry into LCMs and agreed Terms of Reference, on 25 March 2020. Although progress on the inquiry was paused whilst the Committee was diverted to making amendments to Standing Orders in order for Assembly Business to continue as the pandemic endured, the Committee returned to its considerations in February 2021 when it agreed to *"...liaise with other legislatures, including Westminster Committees and the House of Lords, to seek their views on the current LCM procedures. In particular, whether there is scope to take more time in scrutinising LCMs."*
4. In the months which followed the Committee considered a broad range of evidence in relation to this inquiry, augmented by a number of specifically targeted research reports, in order that the Committee could analyse the direct evidence of the issues it was hearing evidence on. The Committee agreed its final report on 28 February 2022, which made 7 recommendations for

amendments to both the practice and the arrangements for managing LCMs at the Assembly which would enhance the ability of the Assembly to carry out its scrutiny and bring more transparency to the processes.

5. The report and the recommendations were agreed by the Assembly on 14 March 2022. The recommendations included proposals to amend the existing Standing Order 42A which has made provision for the handling of LCMs since 2012. Given the timing of the publication of this Committee's inquiry report, it will be for the next Committee on Procedures to develop and bring forward the specific amendments to SO 42A, as soon as practicable.

To read more on the Committee's Inquiry into Legislative Consent Motions, [see here](#).

Inquiry into Private Members' Bills (PMBs)

6. As outlined in paragraph 2, the Committee in place in September 2016 had originally agreed to carry out a review of the how the Assembly supports PMBs. The broad objective was to determine if the current approach was fit for purpose in light of the increasing demand. The dissolution of the Assembly in 2017 meant that this review was not completed. In the interim, the Bill Office conducted a review of the operational requirements to support PMBs which led to the recommendation of a PMB Unit in the current term.
7. When the Assembly resumed in 2020, the Speaker wrote to the Committee on Procedures in 2020 advising that he had published updated guidance for Members on the support available for PMBs for 2020-22. In this letter, the Speaker asked the Committee to consider returning to the issue of a review of the PMB system, in order that any further improvements could be put in place after the 2022 Assembly election. The Committee therefore carried out an inquiry, and agreed its final report on 28 February 2022, making 7 recommendations for changes which could be implemented in order to both support and develop the handling of PMBs at the Assembly. These included a number of changes to be set out in Standing Orders, the specific parameters of which will also be for the next Committee on Procedures to develop and bring forward.

To read more on the Committee’s Inquiry into Private Members’ Bills, [see here](#).

Inquiry into how the Assembly handles Topical Issues – (now) Members’ Statements

8. Early in 2020, the Speaker wrote to the Committee setting out his desire to have a short period in Plenary during which Members would have the opportunity to put issues briefly on the record without requiring him to judge them against any particular criteria. The Committee included this topic in its top two priorities, writing to all parties and independent Members to seek their views on the potential arrangements.
9. Although work on this paused as the Committee focussed on bringing forward Temporary Provisions to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Speaker remained keen for the Committee to examine the feasibility of introducing a new category of business. The Speaker told the Committee that *“An item of business for Members’ Statements would address the issue of the Assembly being unable to note such topical matters and might reduce the need to give thirty minutes of Assembly time to an individual issue under a Matter of the Day or an Urgent Question.”*
10. Following a series of meetings in the Spring-Summer of 2021, the Committee narrowed down the purpose, frequency, duration and handling arrangements for Members’ Statements and agreed that a new Standing Order should be implemented to make provision for them. The Committee agreed its report on Members’ Statements on 23 June 2021 and the Assembly agreed on 05 July 2021 to put in place the new Standing Order 24A which reflected the Committee’s conclusions.
11. Members’ Statements were scheduled for the first time on 13 September 2021. Since then, they have become a regular feature of Assembly business, usually being scheduled on a weekly basis.
12. To read more on the Committee’s Inquiry into Members’ Statements, [see here](#).

Reviews

The Committee also undertook detailed reviews of a number of key policy areas.

Temporary Provisions

13. When the COVID-19 pandemic arrived in March 2020, it became apparent that the Assembly would need to take steps be able to continue to function and that interim or temporary changes to Standing Orders were needed to enable the continuation of Assembly Business, whilst adhering to Public Health Advice and keeping Members and staff as safe as possible.
14. Further to requests from the Business Committee and the Chairpersons' Liaison Group, the Committee prepared Temporary Provisions, in the form of Standing Orders 110 – 116. These temporary provisions enabled proxy voting in plenary sittings; the wholesale introduction of remote participation in committee proceedings (either in fully virtual or hybrid committee meetings); proxy voting in committees; and decision making by committees without meeting. On 31 March 2020 the Assembly agreed to put in place these temporary provisions, initially until 30 September 2020.
15. The Committee kept these temporary provisions under review and, given that the pandemic had endured, sought and received the Assembly's agreement on 3 occasions (29 September 2020, 16 January 2021, and 15 June 2021) to extend their application. As the mandate approached its end the Committee recommended that the provisions be further extended into the next mandate until July 2022, for immediate review by the incoming Committee on Procedures and this was agreed by the Assembly on 14 March 2022.

Hybrid Proceedings

16. Whilst the Committee continued to keep the Temporary Provisions under review, in January 2021 the Committee received correspondence from amongst others both the Speaker and from the Executive, indicating that restrictions needed to be tightened and that there was an urgent need for Ministers to be able to participate in plenary proceedings by alternative (remote means).

17. The Committee agreed that hybrid proceedings should be implemented to not only accommodate those Members who could not come to the Chamber because they were self-isolating, but also to reduce the number of Members needing to travel to Parliament Buildings, concluding that any Member should be able to avail of hybrid proceedings. The Committee brought forward a new temporary Standing Order (110A) to allow for the general principle of remote participation in plenary, subject to the discretion and guidance of the Speaker. This was agreed by the Assembly on 1st February 2021.

Making Provision in Standing Orders for an Official Opposition

18. During this mandate the Committee has reviewed a number of aspects of Opposition arrangements. In early 2020 the Committee noted that the New Decade, New Approach (NDNA) agreement proposed an amendment to the Assembly Executive and Reform (Assembly Opposition) Act to provide that a party can enter the Official Opposition under the Act up to 2 years following the formation of the Executive. Although ‘Official Opposition’ had not been identified by the Committee as an immediate priority in its strategic planning session, NDNA (Annex C, paragraph 3.6) stated that an amendment to Standing Orders should be made to give effect to this within 3 months of the Assembly being formed. As a result, the Committee sought legal advice on the change required to SOs to give effect to paragraph 3.6 of NDNA and brought forward an amendment to SO 45A. This was agreed by the Assembly on 15 June 2021.

As 2021 progressed, a response was sought from the Committee by the AERC in relation to its inquiry on the *Independent Review of the adequacy and effectiveness of the Statement of Entitlements for an Official Opposition*. That Review and the AERC Report also arose directly from the NDNA deal. Once the AERC report and recommendations were agreed by the Assembly, the Committee set to work on reviewing a range of Standing Orders which made provision for Official Opposition. This work was complex and technical, requiring legal advice in relation to the majority of the changes proposed. The Committee agreed 10 motions for changes to SOs covering Statements, Questions, Speaking Rights and Committee Membership. The majority of these

were agreed by the Assembly on 1st March 2022, with the exception of those relating to Questions (amendments to SOs 20, 20A and 20B).

Simultaneous Interpretation of Assembly Business into Irish and Ulster Scots

19. In addition to the work relating to the Official Opposition, the Committee also progressed another NDNA commitment, which fell within its remit. It arose from the section on Rights, language and identity (Para 27 (g)) which said that; *“The Assembly’s Standing Orders will also be amended to allow any person to conduct their business before the Assembly or an Assembly Committee through Irish or Ulster Scots. A simultaneous translation system will be made available in the Assembly to ensure that a person without Irish or Ulster Scots is not placed at a disadvantage.”*
20. The Committee, following consideration, agreed that it was not necessary to change Standing Orders in order to deliver this commitment. Following a number of meetings with Assembly Commission officials who provided information on costs and options for consideration, the Committee agreed to table a Motion to require the Assembly Commission to make provision for the Simultaneous Interpretation of Assembly Business into Irish and Ulster Scots, undertaking any required infrastructural work to support this. An amendment to the Committee’s motion was agreed by the Assembly leading to the following resolution:

That this Assembly notes the provision in paragraph 5.21.2 of 'New Decade, New Approach', to allow any person to conduct their business before the Assembly or an Assembly Committee through Irish or Ulster Scots; further notes that a simultaneous translation system will be made available in the Assembly to ensure that a person without Irish or Ulster Scots is not placed at a disadvantage; and, as provided for in section 40(5) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, directs the Assembly Commission, where there is appropriate demand and subject to review after six months, to provide a simultaneous and passive system for interpretation in the Assembly that is capable of supporting one meeting at any one time; and calls on the Assembly Commission to make any other arrangements as may be necessary for the operation of such a system.

21. It is expected that this simultaneous interpretation system will be in place for the start of the next mandate.

Northern Ireland (Ministers, Elections and Petition of Concern) 2022 Act

22. On 09 February 2022 Parliament passed the Northern Ireland (Ministers, Elections and Petition of Concern) 2022 Act (“the NI (MEPoC) Act 2022”). The Act amends the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and makes provision about Ministerial appointments, extraordinary Assembly elections, the Ministerial Code of Conduct and petitions of concern.
23. The Committee had tracked the progress of this Bill as it made its passage through Parliament, recognising that its enactment would require standing orders to be amended. The Committee sent an issues paper to parties which set out a number of decisions that would need to be taken arising from the legislation and before any new or amended standing orders could be brought forward for the Assembly’s agreement.
24. The Committee did not receive responses to the issues paper in sufficient time to allow it to bring forward new Standing Orders addressing the issues the NI (MEPoC) Act 2022 in time for the start of the next mandate.

Section 6A Consent Decisions

25. When the Committee met at the start of 2020 to consider and agree its strategic priorities, one topic which fell within the Committee’s remit was the question of whether or not formal procedures should be developed for the handling of Section 6A Consent Decisions in the NI Assembly, in the event that regulations be proposed by a UK Government Minister. This possibility arose as a consequence of changes to the NI Act brought about via EU exit legislation (Section 12 and Schedule 3 of EU Withdrawal 2018 Act, which amended section 6(2)(d) of the 1998 Act and inserted sections 6A and 24(3) to (15) into it.)
26. These provisions gave UK Ministers the power to make regulations, for up to two years after exit day (31 January 2020), which would restrict the Assembly’s

legislative powers, and the power of NI Ministers or departments, to modify retained EU law. They also provided that any regulations made under these powers will expire five years after they come into force. In May 2021 the Committee agreed to seek the views of the Executive, the Business Committee and the CLG on whether or not a formal procedure was needed in the Assembly. In December 2021, noting that the relevant timeframes in relation to making regulations under these powers had almost expired, Committee agreed that it was content to take no further action on this issue.

Approach

The Committee met on a fortnightly basis, initially in person at the start of 2020. When the COVID-19 pandemic began, the Committee moved to hybrid meetings, then entirely remote meetings and then back to hybrid meetings as restrictions eased.

Informal meetings

Committee representatives met on an informal basis with representatives from the House of Commons Procedures Committee on two different occasions. The first was a video-meeting between Chairs and Deputy Chairs of the Committees to discuss the HoC inquiry on *how the House of Commons in its procedures and practices, engages with the United Kingdom's territorial constitution* on Wednesday 05 May 2021. At this meeting topics discussed included LCM procedures and arrangements for joint working between Parliament and the devolved legislatures.

The second meeting, was an in-person meeting, in Parliament Buildings with members of both the HoC and Assembly Committees, which took place on Wednesday 23 February 2022. Discussions covered the topics of the procedural arrangements to better support LCMs, Inter-Parliamentary working and proxy voting.

Visits and External meetings

There were no visits by the Committee during the 2020-22 period of the mandate, mostly as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic and the fact that social distancing and health protection regulations were in place during almost all of the period of the report.

Suggested Issues for the Successor Committee

27. The Committee has noted and acknowledged the importance of a number of issues which it considers its successor may wish to take forward. These are:

Northern Ireland (Ministers, Elections and Petition of Concern) 2022 Act

28. The successor Committee shall wish to return to the issue of the Northern Ireland (Ministers, Elections and Petition of Concern) 2022 Act and the standing orders that must be put in place to give effect to its provisions.

Review of the Temporary Provisions in Standing Orders

29. The Committee agreed the most recent extension to the Temporary Provisions on the basis that it would recommend to its successor Committee that it might wish to consider an immediate review of the arrangements in advance of Summer recess 2022. For this reason the date of the end of July 2022 was agreed as an interim position.

Amendments to SOs: LCM and PMB Inquiry Reports

30. At the end of the mandate the Assembly agreed the recommendations made in the Committee's Inquiry reports for LCMs and PMBs. Both reports made seven recommendations each, a smaller number of which referred directly to changes which the House agreed should be made to Standing Orders. These were:

LCMs: Standing Order 42A should be amended to include explicit provision for;

- a Minister to lay a memorandum before the Assembly, normally within 10 working days, where a relevant Bill has been introduced to Parliament and where the Minister has not yet taken any decision on whether to ask the Assembly to give its consent. This will remove any doubt on the part of Ministers that such an approach can and should be taken.
- In those exceptional circumstances in which it is not possible to lay a memorandum within 10 working days, any memorandum should be laid

as soon as possible thereafter and should set out the reasons why the normal deadline of 10 working days was not met.

- more flexibility in relation to timescales for committees (where this is possible) based on the planned timescale for the passage for the specific Bill through Parliament.

PMBs: The following provisions should be set out in Standing Orders to better support the introduction and management of PMBs in the Assembly;

- a final deadline for a PMB to be introduced to the Assembly be set in Standing Orders, for the end of June of the penultimate session of the mandate.
- A Member wishing to introduce a PMB which has been “privately-drafted” should be required to:
 - (a) undertake mandatory public consultation (parameters in similar terms as Bill supported by the Unit); and
 - (b) have communicated the policy objectives and scope of the proposal to the relevant Department before they are submitted to the Speaker for consideration.
- Provision for an annual debate on the Executive legislative timetable, implementing section 15(3) of The Assembly and Executive Reform (Assembly Opposition) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016.

Petitions and E-Petitions

31. The Committee acknowledged in September 2021 that developing and bringing forward proposals for introducing an E-Petitions facility in the Assembly would be a significant project, which would likely require in excess of one year to complete. Given that the Committee already had a full schedule of work for completion before the end of the mandate, it was therefore agreed to refer to this topic in the legacy report as a potential priority for any successor Committee on Procedures, for consideration early in the new mandate.

32. In addition, in 2021 the Business Committee wrote to the Committee ask it to consider undertaking a Review of Petitions, expressing a number of concerns about current practice. At that time, the Committee corresponded with the Business Committee, expressing that it had already agreed its strategic priorities for completion in this mandate. The successor Committee may wish to consider revisiting a review of Petitions.

Proxy Voting (SO 27(11))

33. The Committee commenced a review of the permanent arrangements for Proxy Voting in SO 27(11) in 2020. Overtaken by other priorities (and because temporary proxy voting arrangements were in place as a consequence of the COVID-19 public health advice), the Committee agreed that the existing provision should be extended to include long-term sickness and parental leave, with the specific criteria to be developed by the next Committee on Procedures, in the new mandate. The Committee also agreed to recommend that a full review of proxy voting should be undertaken in the next mandate, including other potential circumstances in which proxy voting might be appropriate.

Electronic Voting

34. The Committee commissioned research in relation to Electronic Voting and acknowledged the need to establish the scale and scope of any potential preferred system for the Assembly. However, the Committee only began to look at this topic in 2021 in response to correspondence from the Speaker. The Committee received a briefing from RaISe on the issue, which gave members an understanding of the scale of any such project, (including establishing the procedural rules which would be needed to support its implementation). The Committee therefore agreed that this was a significant piece of work which it would not be able to complete in the time remaining in the mandate, agreeing that it be added to the potential topics for consideration for a successor Committee.

Other EU Exit Related Issues

35. The Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland (Democratic Consent Process) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 were made by the Secretary of State in December 2020. These regulations amend the NI Act 1998 and, in doing so, implement in domestic law the mechanism for obtaining democratic consent in Northern Ireland to the continued application of Articles 5 to 10 of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland to the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.
36. These regulations make reference to the standing orders of the Assembly. There may also be other issues arising from EU exit which require new SOs. Consequently, the successor Committee may wish to seek further advice in relation to these matters.

CLG Report on Strengthening Committee Scrutiny

37. On 16 March 2022, at the final meeting of for the Committee, members noted a memo which highlighted five recommendations from a draft CLG report on the issue of Strengthening Committee Scrutiny, which are specifically addressed to the Committee on Procedures. Having reviewed these, the Committee agreed to refer to these in the legacy report as possible areas of work that the successor Committee on Procedures might wish to consider when undertaking strategic planning in the next mandate.

Appendix 1

The Committee has 9 members. The membership of the Committee throughout the current mandate was as follows:

- Ms Carál Ní Chuilín MLA (Chairperson)^{13 14 15}
- Mr Tom Buchanan MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
- Ms Rosemary Barton MLA
- Ms Sinéad Bradley MLA
- Ms Nicola Brogan MLA¹⁶
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Appendix 2 – Mandate facts and figures

Committee meetings & visits

Session	Number of meetings held	Percentage minutes public / closed	Number of meetings held outside Parliament Buildings	Number of committee visits
2019/2020	5	Public – 59.51% Closed – 40.49%	0	0
2020/2021	19	Public – 72.5% Closed – 27.5%	0	0
2021/2022	10	Public – 68.59% Closed – 30.89%	0	0

Committee Inquiries / Reviews / Micro inquiries

Session	Name of report	Committee Report (ordered to publish)	Date debated in Plenary (if applicable)
2019/2020			
2020/2021	Inquiry into Members Statements	23 June 2021	5 July 2021

Session	Name of report	Committee Report (ordered to publish)	Date debated in Plenary (if applicable)
2021/2022	Inquiry into Private Members' Bills	28 February 2022	15 March 2022
	Inquiry into Legislative Consent Motions	28 February 2022	15 March 2022

Committee Motions Debated in Plenary (excluding Inquiries / Reviews / Membership changes)

Session	Motion	Date debated in Plenary
2019/2020	Amend Standing Orders	31 March 2020
	Amend Standing Order 49(2)(a) and 52(2)(a)	23 March 2020
2020/2021	Amend Standing Order 10	5 July 2021
	New Standing Order 24A	5 July 2021
	Amend Standing Order 110	15 June 2021
	Simultaneous Interpretation of Assembly Business in Irish and Ulster Scots, as set out in New Decade, New Approach	15 June 2021
	Amend Standing Order 112	8 March 2021
	Amend Standing Order 110	1 February 2021
	Amend Standing Order 110	26 January 2021
	Amend Standing Order 45A	13 October 2020
Amend Standing Order 110	29 September 2020	

Session	Motion	Date debated in Plenary
2021/2022	Amend Standing Order 110	14 March 2022
	Amend Standing Order 3	14 March 2022
	Amend Standing Order 4	14 March 2022
	Amend Standing Order 12	1 March 2022
	Amend Standing Order 18A	1 March 2022
	Amend Standing Order 20	1 March 2022
	Amend Standing Order 20A	1 March 2022
	Amend Standing Order 20B	1 March 2022
	Amend Standing Order 45A	1 March 2022
	Amend Standing Order 49(2)	1 March 2022

Witnesses

Session	Number of Organisations who gave evidence to the committee
2019/2020	1
2020/2021	3
2021/2022	1

Appendix 3 - Expenditure for the period 1 September 2017 – 25 March 2022

Budget area	Details	Expenditure
Committee Travel - committee members and staff travel and subsistence in relation to visits and meetings outside Parliament Buildings		£0
Printing of Standing Orders		£8534.00
External Consultancy	Includes costs associated with committee use of external consultants to assist in consideration of legislation, inquiries, etc.	£0
General expenses	Cost of refreshments for committee meetings, committee events, working lunches, seminars, room hire, witness expenses, and conference fees for members etc.	£160.92
All budget areas	All details	£8694.92

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