



**Northern Ireland  
Assembly**

**COMMITTEE FOR EMPLOYMENT AND LEARNING  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, 1 JUNE 2015**

**ROOM 29 PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**Present:** Mr Robin Swann MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Thomas Buchanan MLA (Deputy-Chairperson)

Mr Sydney Anderson MLA  
Mr Phil Flanagan MLA  
Mr William Irwin MLA  
Ms Anna Lo MLA  
Mr Fra McCann MLA  
Ms Bronwyn McGahan MLA  
Mr Pat Ramsey MLA  
Ms Claire Sugden MLA

**In Attendance:** Mrs Cathie White (Assembly Clerk)  
Mr Johnny Lawless (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Ms Marion Johnson (Clerical Officer)

**Apologies:** Mr David Hilditch MLA

*\*\*:\*\* am The meeting opened in public session.*

**1. Apologies**

Apologies are detailed above.

## **2. Chairperson's Business**

- The Committee considered the visit report for its visit to Hawthorns Adult Day Centre as part of its on-going Inquiry into Post School Special Educational Need Provision in Northern Ireland

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to include the report in the Committee Inquiry report into Post School Special Educational Need Provision in Northern Ireland.

- The Committee considered the public notice for the Committee stage of the Employment Bill.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to issue the public notice following the introduction of the Bill.

## **3. Minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2015**

*Agreed:* The minutes of the meeting on 24 June were agreed.

## **4. Matters arising**

- The Committee noted a list of matters arising from the meeting on 24 June 2015.

## **5. Correspondence**

The Committee considered the following items of correspondence:

- Correspondence from the Northern Ireland Assembly Education Service confirming a visit by South West College students.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Correspondence from Ashton Community Trust regarding LEMIS+ European Social Fund and Departmental match funding.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to

- Correspondence from the Clanrye Group inviting the Committee to visit one of their projects at Slieve Gullion.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to schedule a visit in the forward work programme..

- Correspondence from the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment regarding into growing the economy and creating jobs with lower corporation tax.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Correspondence from South Eastern Regional College inviting the Committee to visit @The Space' Project in its Bangor Campus.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to schedule a visit in its forward work programme.

- Correspondence from Include Youth regarding the Employability Mentoring Initiative for Care Leavers Week 2015.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to

- Correspondence from Mrs Gerri Fiala regarding the Workforce Services for Youth with Disabilities.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the correspondence and include it in the Committee Inquiry report into Post School Special Educational Need Provision in Northern Ireland.

- Invitation from NICVA to attend a seminar on 'How an ageing population will impact on the public finances.'

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the invitation.

## **6. Forward Work Programme**

- The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme to 1 July 2015.

## **7. Ministerial Briefing - Update on the European Social Fund 2014 - 202**

*\*\*:\*\* am The Minister and Departmental officials joined the meeting.*

The Committee was briefed by Dr Stephen Farry, Minister for Employment and Learning.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

*\*\*:\*\* am The Minister and Departmental officials left the meeting.*

## **8. Departmental Briefing - Departmental Business Plan**

*\*\*:\*\* am The Departmental officials joined the meeting.*

The Committee was briefed by Ms Heather Cousins, Deputy Secretary, Mr Michael Gould, Assistant Director Skills and Industry Division and Ms Carol Keane, Head of Corporate Support Branch.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

*\*\*:\*\* am The Departmental officials left the meeting.*

## **9. Briefing from Belfast Metropolitan College - Performing Arts Provision**

*\*\*:\*\* am The representatives joined the meeting.*

The Committee was briefed by Ms Marie-Therese McGivern, Chief Executive, Belfast Metropolitan College and Ms Gillian Magee, Head of Corporate Development, Belfast Metropolitan College.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

*\*\*:\*\* am The representatives left the meeting.*

## **10. Any other business**

None

## **11. Date, time and place of next meeting**

The Committee noted that the next meeting should be held on Wednesday 1 July 2015 at 10.00 am in Room 29, Parliament Buildings.

*\*\*:\*\* pm The Chairperson adjourned the meeting.*

**Mr Robin Swann MLA**  
**Deputy Chairperson, Committee for Employment & Learning**

**16 September 2015`**