



**Northern Ireland
Assembly**

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

WEDNESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2014

ROOM 29, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

- Present:** Mr Robin Swann MLA (Chairperson)
- Mr Sammy Douglas MLA
Mr Phil Flanagan MLA
Mr David Hilditch MLA
Mr Chris Lyttle MLA
Mr Fra McCann MLA
Ms Bronwyn McGahan MLA
Mr Pat Ramsey MLA
Mr Alastair Ross MLA
- In Attendance:** Mrs Cathie White (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Vincent Gribbin (Assistant Clerk)
Mr Stephen Magee (Clerical Supervisor)
Ms Alison Ferguson (Clerical Officer)
Ms Noreen Hayward (Clerical Officer)
Mr Johnathan Kerr (Clerical Officer)
- Apologies:** Mr Thomas Buchanan MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Ms Claire Sugden MLA

The meeting opened in public session at 9:03 am.

1. Apologies

Apologies are detailed above.

2. Chairperson's Business

None.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2014

Agreed: The minutes of the meetings on 10 September 2014 were agreed.

4. Matters arising

- The Committee noted a list of matters arising from the meetings on 10 September 2014.

5. Correspondence

The Committee considered the following items of correspondence:

- Correspondence from North West Regional College providing the College's staff survey 2014 presentation.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Correspondence from the Centre for Economic Empowerment providing its An Economic Analysis of the Living Wage report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Invitation from the European Commission Office in Northern Ireland to attend the European Day of Languages 2014 event on 26 September at 10:00 am in Lowwood Primary School, Belfast.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the invitation.

- Invitation from the Centre for Economic Empowerment to attend a Zero-Hours Contracts Consultation Event at 10.30 am on 19 September in Malone House, Belfast.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the invitation.

- Invitation from the Construction Employers Federation to the Chairperson to attend the Construction Excellence Awards at 7.30 pm on 2 October in the Culloden Hotel, Cultra.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the invitation.

6. Forward Work Programme

The Committee noted the draft Forward Work Programme to 10 December 2014.

7. End of Session Report 2013 - 2014

The Committee considered the draft End of Session Report 2013 - 2014.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to publish the End of Session Report on the Committee web page.

8. Briefing from Stranmillis University College on the Review of Initial Teacher Education Infrastructure

9:07 am The representatives joined the meeting.

The Committee was briefed by Dr Anne Heaslett, Principal and Professor Sir Desmond Rea Chairman of the Governing Body.

9:15 am Mr Lyttle joined the meeting.

9:23 am Ms McGahan joined the meeting.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

10:01 am Mr Flanagan joined the meeting.

10:01 am The representatives left the meeting.

9. Briefing from St Mary's University College on the Review of Initial Teacher Education Infrastructure

10:02 am The representatives joined the meeting.

The Committee was briefed by Professor Peter Finn, Principal and Mr Brian McFall, Director of Finance and Administration.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to request a copy of the collaborative report on Special Educational Need being carried out by Stranmillis University College and St Mary's University College.

Agreed: The representatives agreed to provide the Committee with its written definition of what Autonomy means to the College.

11:16 am The representatives left the meeting.

11:16 am Mr Lyttle left the meeting.

10. Briefing from The Open University on the Review of Initial Teacher Education Infrastructure

11:16 am The representatives joined the meeting.

The Committee was briefed by Mr John D'Arcy, Director and Dr Gwyneth Owen-Jackson, Subject Leader, Design & Technology PGCE, Faculty of Education & Language Studies.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

Agreed: The representatives agreed to provide information on the education module detailing Special Educational Need named conditions.

11:38 am Mr Lyttle re-joined the meeting.

Agreed: The representatives agreed to provide information on The Open University Careers Education modules.

11:40 am The representatives left the meeting.

11:40 am The Chairperson suspended the meeting.

11:48 am The Chairperson reconvened the meeting.

Present: Mr Robin Swann MLA (Chairperson)

Mr Sammy Douglas MLA
Mr Phil Flanagan MLA
Mr David Hilditch MLA
Mr Chris Lyttle MLA
Mr Fra McCann MLA
Ms Bromwyn McGahan MLA
Mr Pat Ramsey MLA
Mr Alastair Ross MLA

11. Briefing from Queen's University Belfast on the Review of Initial Teacher Education Infrastructure

11:48 am The representatives joined the meeting.

The Committee was briefed by Professor Patrick Johnston, President and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Tony Gallagher, Pro Vice-Chancellor and Professor Paul Connolly, Head of School of Education.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

12:22 pm The representatives left the meeting.

12. Briefing from the University of Ulster on the Review of Initial Teacher Education Infrastructure

12:23 pm The representatives joined the meeting.

The Committee was briefed by Professor Richard Barnett, Vice-Chancellor and Dr Samuel McGuinness, Head of School of Education Designate.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

12.53 pm The representatives left the meeting.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the Hansards of the briefings today to the Department for information and comment.

13. Any other business

None.

14. Date, time and place of next meeting

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the next meeting should be held on Wednesday 24 September 2014 at 10.00 am in Room 30, Parliament Buildings.

12:53 pm The Chairperson adjourned the meeting.

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

24 September 2014