



**Northern Ireland
Assembly**

COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 7 JANUARY 2016

SENATE CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Mrs Pam Cameron MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Cathal Boylan MLA
Mr Alban Maginness MLA
Mr Ian Milne MLA
Mrs Sandra Overend MLA

In Attendance: Miss Ciara McKay (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Mark McQuade (Assistant Clerk)
Mr Neil Sedgewick (Clerical Supervisor)
Mrs Sharon Young (Clerical Officer)

Apologies: Ms Anna Lo MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Paul Girvan MLA
Ms Claire Hanna MLA
Mr William Irwin MLA
Mr Barry McElduff MLA
Mr George Robinson MLA

The meeting opened in closed session at 10.27 am with the Deputy Chairperson in the Chair.

1. Scrap Metal Dealers Bill

The Committee noted correspondence from Ballyvesey Recycling Solutions.

The Committee noted responses from NILGA; the Department for Regional Development; Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council; and Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council to the Scrap Metal Dealer's Bill.

The Committee noted a response from the Department on the number of high level sentences as a result of environmental crime.

The Committee discussed the Scrap Metal Dealers Bill.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the Chair and Deputy Chair should rely on the Committee's concerns regarding the remaining timescale of the Bill to Mr Roy Beggs.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to proceed with the briefing on Tuesday 12th January on the Scrap Metal Dealers Bill, should the sponsor of the Bill wish to proceed.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to publish responses to the Committee's call for evidence on the Bill on the Assembly website and to copy these to the Department for information.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite other scrap metal dealers to give evidence on the Bill; and to provide names to the Committee Clerk.

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