



**Northern Ireland
Assembly**

COMMITTEE FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE

**DRAFT MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2016
ROOM 30, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

- Present: Mr Mike Nesbitt (Chairperson)
Mr Cathal Boylan
Mrs Pam Cameron
Mr Danny Kennedy (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Seán Lynch
Mr Philip McGuigan
Mr Christopher Stalford
- Apologies: Mr Stewart Dickson
Mr Phillip Logan
Mr Richie McPhillips
Mr William Irwin
- In Attendance: Mr Trevor Allen (Senior Assistant Clerk)
Miss Karen Jardine (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mr Stephen Magee (Clerical Supervisor)
Mrs Andrienne Magee (Clerical Officer)

The meeting began in public session at 2.03pm.

**1. Programme for Government 2016-21 – Briefing on Outcomes-based Approach to
Government**

Agreed: The Committee agreed to take agenda item 5 first to facilitate the technological arrangements.

Dr Toby Lowe, Senior Research Associate, Newcastle University joined the meeting via telephone at 2.04pm.

Dr Toby Lowe Senior Research Associate, Centre for Knowledge, Innovation, Technology and Enterprise, Newcastle University briefed the Committee on the Outcomes-based Accountability approach to Government.

Mrs Pam Cameron joined the meeting at 2.05pm.

A question and answer session followed. The session was recorded by Hansard.

The telephone call with the witnesses was ended at 2.51pm.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to notify the other statutory committees of the two briefings relating to the outcomes-based approach to government, and to signpost them to the relevant Hansard reports.

2. Apologies

Apologies were noted as above.

3. Chair's Business

Panel of Experts on Redress – Report Launch

The Committee noted an invitation from the Panel of Experts on Redress to the launch of the report, *Historic Institutional Abuse: Cost Analysis of Proposed Compensation Scheme* which is to be held in the Long Gallery, Parliament Buildings on Monday 17 October 2016.

Agreed: Members agreed to respond directly to the organisers if they wished to attend.

Birthmothers and their Children for Justice

The Chairperson advised that he had been contacted by a representative of the organisation Birthmothers and their Children for Justice in NI, requesting a meeting regarding redress for victims and survivors of abuse in Mother and Baby Homes.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to advise the group that the Committee has written to the Department of Health to ask for information on the scoping exercise relating to Mother and Baby Homes.

Lunch with House of Lords EU Committee

Members noted that the lunch with the House of Lords EU Committee was scheduled for 1pm on Monday 17 October.

Committee invitations

The Committee noted the current list of Committee invitations,

4. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The draft minutes of the proceedings of 5 October 2016 were agreed by the Committee.

5. Matters Arising

Outstanding Committee Correspondence

The Committee noted the current list of outstanding correspondence from the Executive Office.

6. Correspondence

Delivering Social Change Update

The Committee noted the latest Delivering Social Change Stakeholder Update for September 2016.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the correspondence to relevant Statutory Committees for information.

Budget 2017-20

The Committee noted a response from the Executive Office regarding the Budget 2017-20 process.

Clarawood Community Association

The Committee noted correspondence from Clarawood Community Association regarding a complaint concerning the Social Investment Fund (SIF).

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the correspondence to the Executive Office for comment; and to request information on the appeals/complaints mechanism in place with regard to SIF.

The Committee also agreed to request a written update on SIF with a view to seeking an oral evidence session with officials following receipt.

Northern Ireland Retired Police Officers Association

The Committee noted correspondence from the Northern Ireland Retired Police Officers Association (NIRPOA) regarding the complaints procedure against the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland.

The Chair advised that he had been approached by NIRPOA in a party political capacity and as an MLA.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to ask Assembly Research and Information Service to identify examples of where one Ombudsman's office can be referred to another Ombudsman; and the options currently open to a member of the public who is unhappy with the actions or reports of the Police Ombudsman for NI.

Agreed: The Committee also agreed to advise the NIRPOA of this approach.

Strategic Investment Board

The Committee noted correspondence from the Executive Office regarding the appointment process for the appointment of non-executive directors to the Strategic Investment Board.

7. Forward Work Programme

The Committee noted the draft Forward Work Programme until December 2016 and discussed how it might follow up on the two briefings it had received on the Outcomes-based Approach.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to return to this matter at its next meeting.

8. Any Other Business

None.

9. Date, time and place of next meeting

The next Committee meeting will be held at 2pm in Room 30 on Wednesday 19 October 2016.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 3.04pm.

Mr Mike Nesbitt MLA
Chairperson
Committee for the Executive Office