

## **COMMITTEE FOR FINANCE AND PERSONNEL**

### **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, 01 OCTOBER 2014  
ROOM 30, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

Present: Mr Daithí McKay MLA (Chairperson)  
Ms Michaela Boyle MLA  
Mrs Judith Cochrane MLA  
Mr Paul Girvan MLA  
Mr John McCallister MLA  
Mr Ian McCrea MLA  
Mr Adrian McQuillan MLA  
Mr Peter Weir MLA

In Attendance: Mr Shane McAteer (Assembly Clerk)  
Mr Phil Pateman (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Mrs Clairita Frazer (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Mr Joe Westland (Clerical Supervisor)  
Miss Heather Graham (Clerical Officer)

Apologies: Mr Dominic Bradley MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Leslie Cree MBE, MLA  
Mr Mitchel McLaughlin MLA

*The meeting commenced at 10:04 am in public session.*

*Agreed:* that agenda item 6 is covered by Hansard and the Official Report published on the Assembly's website.

#### **1. Apologies**

Apologies are detailed above.

## **2. Draft Minutes of Proceedings of 24 September 2014**

*Agreed:* that the minutes are published on the Assembly website.

## **3. Matters Arising**

Table of requests for information from the Department of Finance and Personnel (DFP)

The Committee noted the summary table of requests for information from DFP which provided an update on any matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

*Members were advised that the Committee would now go into closed session for the Financial Scrutiny Workshop.*

*The Committee went into closed session at 10:05 am*

## **4. Financial Scrutiny Workshop**

The Committee participated in a workshop on the scrutiny of in-year monitoring round, which was facilitated by Assembly Research.

*Ian McCrea left the meeting at 10:09 am*

*Ian McCrea re-joined the meeting at 10:10 am*

*John McCallister joined the meeting at 10:17 am*

*Paul Girvan joined the meeting at 10:18 am*

*Judith Cochrane joined the meeting at 10:30 am*

*Judith Cochrane left the meeting at 10:45 am*

*Judith Cochrane re-joined the meeting at 10:50 am*

*The Committee returned to open session for the remainder of the meeting at 10:57am*

## **5. In-year monitoring of Public Expenditure: An analysis of Departmental bid documentation – Briefing from Assembly Research**

The Committee received a briefing on 'In-year monitoring of Public Expenditure – An analysis of Departmental bid documentation' from Assembly Research.

*Adrian McQuillan left the meeting at 11:13 am*

*Agreed:* to forward the research paper to DFP to respond to the issues highlighted which are applicable to the Department.

## **6. October Monitoring Round: Departmental position – Briefing from DFP**

The Committee received a briefing on the DFP position for the October Monitoring Round from the following departmental officials:

- Brigitte Worth , Finance Director, DFP; and
- Preeta Miller, Finance Division, Corporate Services Group (CSG), DFP

*The session was recorded by Hansard*

*Peter Weir left the meeting at 11:30 am*

## **7. Preventative Expenditure – Follow up briefing by Assembly Research**

The Committee received a follow up briefing on Preventative Expenditure from Assembly Research.

*Agreed:* to forward the research paper to DFP to respond to the issues highlighted which are applicable to the Department.

*Agreed:* that the researcher will provide follow-up information as discussed during the briefing.

*Peter Weir re-joined the meeting at 11:43 am*

*Ian McCrea left the meeting at 11:43 am*

*Adrian McQuillan re-joined the meeting at 11:50 am*

*Ian McCrea re-joined the meeting at 11:50 am*

*Paul Girvan left the meeting at 12:00 pm*

*Paul Girvan re-joined the meeting at 12:02 pm*

## **8. Correspondence**

Members noted the following pieces of correspondence:

- Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment: Alternative Dispute Resolution for Consumer Disputes.
- Member of the Public: Correspondence concerning the Presbyterian Mutual Society

*Agreed:* to refer the item to Committee for Enterprise, Trade & Investment in view this matter falling within its remit and to respond to the correspondent reflecting this approach.

- EU Affairs Manager: Pilot EU Newsletter

*Agreed:* that members will consider the contents of the newsletter and feed any comments back directly to the EU Affairs Manager.

*Michaela Boyle left the meeting at 12:06 pm*

## **9. Committee Work Programme**

Members considered a draft of the Committee work programme.

*Agreed:* that the Committee work programme will be updated to reflect decisions taken today and is published on the Committee's website.

## **10. Any other business**

There was no other business

## **11. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committee will be held on Wednesday, 08 October 2014 at 10:00 am, Room 30, Parliament Buildings.

*The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12:07 pm*

**Mr Daithí McKay MLA**  
**Chairperson**  
**Committee for Finance and Personnel**  
**08 October 2014**