COMMITTEE FOR FINANCE AND PERSONNEL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, 26 MAY 2015 ROOM 30, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Mr Daithí McKay MLA (Chairperson)

Mrs Judith Cochrane MLA Mr Leslie Cree MBE, MLA Mr Paul Girvan MLA Mr John McCallister MLA Mr Adrian McQuillan MLA Mr Máirtín Ó Muilleoir MLA

In Attendance: Mr Shane McAteer (Assembly Clerk)

Mr Phil Pateman (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mrs Clairita Frazer (Assistant Assembly Clerk)

Miss Heather Graham (Clerical Officer)

Apologies: Mr Ian McCrea MLA

Mr Jim Wells MLA

The meeting commenced at 15:14pm in public session.

1. Apologies

Apologies are detailed above.

2. Draft Minutes of Proceedings of 20 May 2015

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

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Main Estimates and Budget (No.2) Bill 2015

Members discussed various issues and scenarios relating to the Budget (No. 2) Bill 2015, including whether departments would have the power to use accruing resources in the context of the Budget (No. 2) Bill 2015 not being enacted by the end of July 2015.

- Agreed: to commission legal advice from Assembly Legal Services on whether departments would have the power to use accruing resources in the context of the Budget (No. 2) Bill 2015 not being enacted by the end of July 2015.
- Agreed: to invite the Minister of Finance and Personnel, accompanied by the Permanent Secretary, to provide an oral briefing on the considerations and scenarios regarding the Budget (No. 2) Bill 2015, including the full implications of it not being enacted by the end of July 2015.
- Agreed: to request DFP to provide a briefing paper in advance of next week's oral evidence session, which should cover the various considerations and provide clarification on the timetable for the Budget (No. 2) Bill 2015 up to Royal Assent.

John McCallister joined the meeting at 3.35pm

5. 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.

6. Any other business

There was no other business.

7. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committee will be held on Wednesday, 03 June 2015 at 10:00am, Room 30, Parliament Buildings.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 15:40pm.

Mr Daithí McKay MLA Chairperson Committee for Finance and Personnel 03 June 2015