

## COMMITTEE FOR FINANCE AND PERSONNEL

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**WEDNESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2016  
ROOM 30, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

Present: Mr Daithí McKay MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Leslie Cree MBE, MLA  
Mr John McCallister MLA  
Mr Ian McCrea 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)  
Mr Nory Kaplan-Kelly (Legislative Studies Programme Student)  
Mr Oliver Bellew (Clerical Supervisor)  
Mr Joe Westland (Clerical Supervisor)  
Miss Heather Graham (Clerical Officer)

Apologies: Mrs Michaela Boyle MLA  
Mr Dominic Bradley MLA  
Mr Gordon Lyons MLA  
Mr Gary Middleton MLA

*The meeting commenced at 10:17am in public session.*

*Agreed:* that agenda item 4 is covered by Hansard and the Official Report published on the Assembly's website.

#### **1. Apologies**

As detailed above.

## **2. Draft Minutes of Proceedings of 27 January 2016**

*Agreed:* that the minutes will be 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 matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

### Strategic Investment Board – Review of Social Clauses

The Committee noted a copy of the Strategic Investment Board's Final Report on the Strategic Review of the Social Clauses.

## **4. Budget Bill and Spring Supplement Estimates – DFP written briefing**

Members received a briefing on the Budget Bill (Northern Ireland) 2016 and Spring Supplement Estimates 2015-16 from the following DFP officials:

- Emer Morelli – Head of Supply, Public Spending Directorate;
- Michelle Scott – Supply Officer, Public Spending Directorate; and
- Peter Jakobsen – Supply Officer, Public Spending Directorate

*Agreed:* that the DFP officials will provide follow up information as discussed during the session.

*Agreed:* that the Committee is satisfied that there has been appropriate consultation with it on the public expenditure proposals contained in the Budget Bill (Northern Ireland) 2016 and is content to grant accelerated passage to the Bill in accordance with Standing Order 42(2).

*Agreed:* to issue the draft letter informing the Speaker of the Committee's decision on accelerated passage.

*Agreed:* to circulate the DFP briefing paper for this evidence session to the other statutory committees for information given the cross-cutting interest.

## **5. EU Funding Programmes: PEACE IV and INTERREG V – briefing from DFP and Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB)**

Members received a briefing on EU Funding Programmes, including PEACE IV and INTERREG V from the following officials:

- Frank Duffy – Head of EU Division, DFP;
- Dominic McCullough – Head of North/South Policy and Programmes Unit, DFP;
- Gina McIntyre – Chief Executive, SEUPB; and
- Shaun Henry – Director, Managing Authority, SEUPB.

*Agreed:* that the officials will provide follow-up information in relation to outstanding queries raised by the Committee.

*Ian McCrea left the Meeting at 11:30am*

*In the absence of a decision-making quorum proceedings continued in line with Standing Order 49(5)*

## **6. Devolution of Corporation Tax and potential for other Fiscal Powers – update briefing from DFP**

Members received an update briefing on the devolution of Corporation Tax and potential for devolving other fiscal powers from the following departmental officials:

- Tony Simpson – Director, Strategic Policy Division, DFP;
- Victor Dukelow – Strategic Policy Division, DFP; and
- Alan Ramsey – Strategic Policy Division, DFP.

## **7. Correspondence**

Members noted the following items of correspondence:

- Acknowledgement from Lagan Group re invite to oral hearing on NAMA Review;
- Response from Member of Public – NAMA;
- Response from Phelans Solicitors – NAMA;
- Correspondence from a Member of the Public – NAMA;
- Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister – Inquiry into Building a United Community;
- Consul General of the People’s Republic of China – Invite 11/02/2016;
- NIPSA – Agency Staff in Probation Board NI;
- NIC ICTU – Consultation on Public Sector Exit Payments; and
- EU Matters.

The Committee also noted routine correspondence which had been sent to members on and before 2 February, 2016.

#### **8. Committee Work Programme**

Members noted the updated work programme which will be published on the Committee's website.

#### **9. Any other business**

There was no other business

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

The next scheduled meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committee will be on Wednesday, 10 February 2016 at 10:00am in Room 30, Parliament Buildings.

*The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12:14pm.*

**Mr Daithí McKay MLA**  
**Chairperson**  
**Committee for Finance and Personnel**  
**10 February 2016**