

COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Wednesday, 18 February 2015
Room 29, Parliament Buildings**

Present: Ms Maeve McLaughlin MLA (Chairperson)
Ms Paula Bradley MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Mickey Brady MLA
Mrs Pam Cameron MLA
Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson MLA
Mr Paul Givan MLA
Ms Rosie McCorley MLA
Mr Michael McGimpsey MLA
Mr Fearghal McKinney MLA
Mr George Robinson MLA

Apologies: Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA

In Attendance: Dr Kathryn Aiken (Clerk)
Mr Phil Pateman (Assistant Clerk)
Mr Innis Mennie (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Craig Mealey (Clerical Officer)

The meeting commenced at 2.06 p.m. in public session.

1. Apologies

Apologies are detailed above.

2. Chairperson's Business

The Chairperson referred to the Minister's oral statement on the "Findings of the evaluation of the Individual Funding Request process" made on 17 February 2015.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek further information from the Department regarding the contents of the statement.

3. Draft Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday, 11 February 2015

The minutes of the Committee meeting on Wednesday 11 February 2015 were *agreed*.

4. Evaluation of the Individual Funding Request, Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme, Cancer Drugs Fund – Departmental Briefing

The Committee took evidence from:

Mr Mark Timoney	Chief Pharmaceutical Officer, DHSSPS
Mr Jackie Johnston	Director of Secondary Care, DHSSPS
Mr Alastair Campbell	Secondary Care Directorate, DHSSPS
Mr Joe Magee	Secondary Care Directorate, DHSSPS

A question and answer session ensued.

2.24 p.m. Mr Fearghal McKinney joined the meeting.

2.26 p.m. Mr George Robinson joined the meeting.

3.02 p.m. Ms Jo-Anne Dobson left the meeting.

3.24 p.m. Ms Jo-Anne Dobson joined the meeting.

3.26 p.m. Mr Michael McGimpsey left the meeting.

3.35 p.m. Ms Paula Bradley left the meeting.

3.40 p.m. Mr Paul Givan joined the meeting.

The departmental officials agreed to provide further information on a number of issues.

The Chairperson thanked officials for attending.

5. Evaluation of the Individual Funding Request, Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme, Cancer Drugs Fund – Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry and Cancer Focus

The Committee took evidence from:

Ms Colette Goldrick	Director, ABPI Northern Ireland
Ms Alison Clough	Executive Commercial Director, ABPI
Ms Roisin Foster	Chief Executive, Cancer Focus
Mrs Tracey Martin	Patient Representative, Cancer Focus

A question and answer session ensued.

3.47 p.m. Ms Paula Bradley joined the meeting.

3.59 p.m. Mr Michael McGimpsey joined the meeting.

4.21 p.m. Mr Paul Givan left the meeting.

4.25 p.m. Mrs Pam Cameron left the meeting.

4.31 p.m. Mrs Pam Cameron joined the meeting.

4.38 p.m. Mrs Pam Cameron left the meeting.

The representatives agreed to provide further information on a number of issues.

The Chairperson thanked witnesses for attending.

6. SR: The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Consequential Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

Agreed: "The Committee considered The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Consequential Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and recommends that it be affirmed by the Assembly."

7. SR 2015: The Health Service Workers Pension Scheme (Consequential Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

Agreed: "The Committee considered The Health Services Workers Pension Scheme (Northern Ireland) 2015 and recommends that it be affirmed by the Assembly."

8. SL1: The Firefighters' Pension Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

The Committee considered the Department's proposal to make a Statutory Rule to establish the Firefighters' Pension Scheme Regulations in respect of governance.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with the proposed Statutory Rule.

9. Forward work programme

The Committee *noted* the forward work programme.

10. Matters Arising

i. The Committee *noted* a response from the Minister regarding child sexual exploitation.

ii. The Committee *noted* a response from the Minister regarding the White Oaks Rehabilitation Centre.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister requesting that further consideration be given to re-opening negotiations with the Republic of Ireland on the White Oaks Rehabilitation Centre.

iii. The Committee *noted* a response from the Minister regarding the NIPSO Bill.

iv. The Committee *noted* a response from the Minister regarding the *Review of the DHSSPS Benefits Management Framework for TYC*.

v. The Committee *noted* the report by Ann Watts on *Review of the DHSSPS Benefits Management Framework for TYC*.

- vi. The Committee *noted* a response from the Department of Finance and Personnel regarding the statement on the final Budget 2015-16 and outcome of January monitoring.
- vii. The Committee *noted* the Clerk's summary of issues and action points arising from the meeting with the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Health and Children.
Agreed: The Committee agreed to undertake the action points as proposed.
- viii. The Committee *noted* a RaISe briefing paper on TYC Workforce Planning.

11. Correspondence

- i. The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Committee for the OFMDFM regarding The Children's Services Co-operation Bill.
- ii. The Committee *noted* correspondence to the Minister from the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure regarding defibrillator provision.
- iii. The Committee *considered* correspondence from the Law Centre NI requesting sponsorship for an event.
Agreed: The Committee agreed to sponsor the event.
- iv. The Committee *noted* correspondence from Imtac regarding Blue Badge use in Belfast City Centre..
- v. The Committee *noted* correspondence from an individual regarding the Firefighters' Pension Scheme.
Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the individual to advise he contact the Public Accounts Committee.
- vi. The Committee *noted* correspondence from Miss Coulter.

12. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

13. Date, time and place of next meeting

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, 25 February at 2.00pm in room 29, Parliament Buildings.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4.45 p.m.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____