

COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday 28 January 2015
Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings

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

Apologies: Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson MLA

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

The meeting commenced at 2.00 p.m. in public session.

1. Apologies

Apologies are detailed above.

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

2. Chairperson's Business

The Chairperson advised the Committee that Fermanagh District Council and Ballymoney Borough Council are content that their written submissions serve as evidence on the Food Hygiene Rating Bill.

The Chairperson advised the Committee that the Minister will be seeking Executive agreement in relation to regulations to introduce standardised packaging of tobacco products.

3. Draft Minutes of the meetings on Wednesday 21 and Monday 26 January 2015

The minutes of the Committee meetings on Wednesday 21 and Monday 26 January 2015 were *agreed*.

4. Expert Examination of the HSC Governance Arrangements – Briefing from Sir Liam Donaldson and Departmental Officials

The Committee took evidence from:

Sir Liam Donaldson	Report Author
Mr Richard Pengelly	Permanent Secretary, DHSSPS
Dr Michael McBride	Chief Medical Officer, DHSSPS
Ms Charlotte McArdle	Chief Nursing Officer, DHSSPS

A question and answer session ensued.

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

2.08 p.m. Mr Paul Givan the meeting.

4.00 p.m. Mr George Robinson the meeting.

The Chairperson thanked the witness for attending.

5. Review of Workplace Planning in the Context of Transforming Your Care

Members considered the Terms of Reference for the Review of Workplace Planning in the Context of Transforming Your Care.

Agreed: Members agreed the Terms of Reference.

6. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee noted and agreed the Forward Work Programme for February and March 2015.

7. Matters Arising

- i. The Committee *noted* a response from the Minister regarding IVF treatment.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the response to the Chair of the APG on infertility, and to write back to the Department on the matter.

- ii. The Committee *noted* a response from the Patient Client Council regarding the Access to GP Services Report recommendations.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite the Patient Client Council to the next stakeholder event.

- iii. The Committee *noted* a correction slip relating to SR 2014-286.

8. Correspondence

- i. The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Minister regarding proposed amendments to the Controlled Drugs Regulations.
- ii. The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Minister regarding a consultation on Minimum Unit Pricing for alcohol.
- iii. The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Minister regarding the Firefighters' Pension Scheme.
- iv. The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment regarding the launch of the MATRIX Life and Health Sciences Foresight Report.
- v. The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Committee for OFMDFM regarding a landscape seminar.
- vi. The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment regarding the Committee Inquiry into Growth and Jobs.
- vii. The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Committee for Education regarding a stakeholder event to be hosted jointly with the Committee.
- viii. The Committee *noted* the EU Matters newsletter.
- ix. The Committee *considered* correspondence from the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy regarding the Department's decision not to proceed with the physiotherapy self-referral pilot.
Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite the Health and Social Care Board to brief the Committee on the issue.
- x. The Committee *considered* correspondence from Derry City and Strabane District Council regarding an all-island detox unit at White Oaks Rehabilitation Centre.
Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department seeking an update on the latest position regarding this proposal.
- xi. The Committee *considered* correspondence from CPL Industries regarding smokeless fuel.
Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite CPL Industries to the next informal stakeholder event.
- xii. The Committee *noted* correspondence from Belfast Healthy Cities regarding the annual report.
- xiii. The Committee *considered* correspondence from Save the Mid seeking a meeting with the Committee.
Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite Save the Mid to the next informal stakeholder event.

The Committee agreed to bring forward item 11 on the agenda.

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

The Committee considered the Department's proposal to make a Statutory Rule to establish the Firefighters' Pension Scheme membership and funding arrangements.

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

10. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 4 February at 2.00pm in the Senate, Parliament Buildings.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4.15 p.m.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____