

COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 10 November 2016
Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings

Present: Ms Paula Bradley MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Gary Middleton MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Ms Paula Bradshaw MLA
Mr Robbie Butler MLA
Mr Gerry Carroll MLA
Ms Joanne Dobson MLA
Mr Mark H Durkan MLA
Mr Ian Milne MLA
Ms Catherine Seeley MLA
Mr Pat Sheehan MLA

Apologies: Mr Trevor Clarke MLA

In Attendance: Ms Éilis Haughey (Clerk)
Ms Roisin Donnelly (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Ms Deirdre Farry (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Ms Stephanie Wilson (Clerical Officer)

The meeting commenced at 9.41 am in public session.

1. Apologies

Apologies were noted, as detailed above.

2. Chairperson's Business

The Chairperson updated the Committee on a Parkinson's UK event that she had attended with Ms Paula Bradshaw MLA at Girdwood Community Hub in North Belfast and encouraged Members to meet with their local support groups or to attend an event in Parliament Buildings on 23 January 2017 to learn more about the work of the organisation.

3. Draft minutes of the meeting on 27 October 2016

The minutes of the Committee meeting on 27 October 2016 were agreed.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

9.44 am Mr Mark Durkan joined the meeting.

5. Departmental Briefing on the Budget

The Committee heard evidence from:

Ms Deborah McNeilly	Deputy Secretary Resources and Performance Management Group, Department of Health
Ms Neelia Lloyd	Director of Finance, Department of Health
Mr Bill Pauley	Director of Infrastructure Investment, Department of Health

9.49 am Mr Gary Middleton joined the meeting.

9.56 am Mr Ian Milne joined the meeting.

9.59 am Mr Pat Sheehan joined the meeting.

A question and answer session ensued.

The officials agreed to provide the Committee with further information on issues discussed.

The briefing was recorded by Hansard.

The Chair thanked the witnesses for attending.

6. Correspondence

- i. The Committee considered an invitation to Cedar Foundation's 75th anniversary reception on 17 November 2016 in Parliament Buildings.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that Members should reply to the Cedar Foundation directly.

- ii. The Committee noted correspondence from the Department of Health advising of the launch of a consultation on the criteria for assessing the sustainability of health and social care services.

7. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the Forward Work Programme until next week's meeting.

8. Any Other Business

The Committee discussed the lack of detail provided by the Department of Health officials during the briefing on the Budget.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department of Health to express its dissatisfaction with the absence of sufficient information to enable the Committee to complete its scrutiny function and to form a view on the Budget as requested by the Minister of Finance.

9. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be on Thursday 17 November 2016, at 10.30 am in the Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology, Queens University Belfast.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10.26 am

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____