



**Northern Ireland
Assembly**

**COMMITTEE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

WEDNESDAY, 11 JANUARY 2017

THE SENATE CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Mr William Humphrey (Chairperson)

Mrs Kellie Armstrong MLA
Mr Alex Easton MLA
Mr Paul Girvan MLA
Mr Eamonn McCann MLA
Mr Daniel McCrossan MLA
Mrs Jenny Palmer MLA

In Attendance: Mrs Cathie White (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Vincent Gribbin (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mrs Sharon Young (Clerical Officer)
Mr Daniel Lowe (Legislative Studies and Practice Student)

Apologies: Mr George Robinson MLA (Deputy-Chairperson)
Mr Declan McAleer MLA
Mr Fra McCann MLA
Mr Justin McNulty MLA

10:17 am The meeting opened in public session.

1. Apologies

Apologies are detailed above.

2. Chairpersons Business

The Committee noted that there was no Departmental Budget briefing at the meeting as the Budget has not been published.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to postpone a briefing from RaISe on the Budget arranged for 17 January 2017 as no new information is available.

The Committee considered a response on the European Commission Work Programme 2017 to the Committee for the Executive Office.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the response to the Committee for the Executive Office.

The Committee considered a Draft Press Release for the Committee visit to the Traffic Control Centre on Wednesday 18 January 2017.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to issue the press release following the visit.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2016.

Agreed: The minutes of the meeting on 7 December 2016 were agreed.

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Correspondence

Departmental correspondence providing information on the Consultation on the review of permitted development rights for mineral exploration.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Ministerial correspondence providing notification of his intention to make a written statement on the A24 Ballynahinch Bypass.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Departmental correspondence providing the Belfast Rapid Transit – Quarterly Update.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Correspondence from the Committee for the Executive Office providing the Committee Report on the Draft Programme for Government 2016-2021.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Correspondence from the Construction Employers Federation providing its response to the Draft Programme for Government.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Departmental correspondence providing information on the Consultation on Draft Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Departmental response regarding a flood alleviation scheme for Dromara.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the response.

Correspondence from the Consumer Council for Northern Ireland providing details on its publication on its Draft Forward Work Programme.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Ministerial correspondence regarding Section 26 Planning Application on Lands approximately 3Km west of Swatragh, off the Corlacky Road, in the Townlands of Corlacky, Knockoneill.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Police Service for Northern Ireland response regarding its role in traffic congestion incidents.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the response.

Departmental response regarding Bus Lanes on Motorways and Communications with the PSNI.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the response.

Correspondence from Sustainable Aviation providing information on the Report Launch - UK Aviation and Air Quality: Our contribution, the challenges and opportunities.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Correspondence from the Assembly EU Affairs Manager providing the EU Matters Report Issue 05/2016 – BREXIT Focus.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Departmental correspondence providing information on the UK wide Technical consultation on motor insurance.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

10:21 am Mr Eamonn McCann joined the meeting.

Invitation from the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission to Committee members to attend its Annual Lecture in the Inn of Court, Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street, Belfast on 17 January 2017.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the invitation.

Departmental Correspondence regarding the current process to modify the existing Planning Agreement with George Best Belfast City Airport.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

6. SL1 - The Rail Passengers Rights and Obligations (Designation Enforcement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

The Committee considered SL1 - The Rail Passengers Rights and Obligations (Designation Enforcement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department seeking clarity on whether, post Brexit, the powers outlined in the European Regulation (EC) No 1371/2007, to be implemented within this proposed Statutory Rule, can be retained in Statute.

7. Subordinate Legislation - SRs - Not Subject to Assembly Proceedings

- The Committee considered the following SRs which are not subject to any Assembly proceedings.
 - SR 2016-421 The Parking Places (Disabled Persons Vehicles) (Amendment No.4) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
 - SR 2016-428 The Waiting Restrictions (Ballynure) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
 - SR 2016-429 The Roads (Speed Limit) (No.4) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
 - SR 2016-430 The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Belfast) (Amendment No. 5) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
 - SR 2016-433 The Bus Lanes Orders (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

- SR 2016-434 The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Belfast) (Amendment No. 6) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- SR 2016-435 The Waiting Restrictions (Saintfield) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content to note the Statutory Rules.

8. SR 2016-402 The Level Crossing (Bellarena) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

Agreed: That the Committee for Infrastructure has considered SR 2016-402 The Level Crossing (Bellarena) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 and has no objection to the rule.

9. SR 2016-403 The Level Crossing (Castlerock) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

Agreed: That the Committee for Infrastructure has considered SR 2016-403 The Level Crossing (Castlerock) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 and has no objection to the rule.

10. SR 2016-404 The Level Crossing (Coleraine (Bushmills Road)) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

Agreed: That the Committee for Infrastructure has considered SR 2016-404 The Level Crossing (Coleraine (Bushmills Road)) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 and has no objection to the rule.

11. SR 2016-414 The Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seatbelts) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

Agreed: That the Committee for Infrastructure has considered SR 2016-414 The Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seatbelts) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 and has no objection to the rule.

The Committee agreed to move to Agenda Item 17.

17. SR 2017-000 The Grants to Water and Sewerage Services Undertakers Order (Northern Ireland) 2017

Agreed: That the Committee for Infrastructure has considered SR 2017-000 The Grants to Water and Sewerage Services Undertakers Order (Northern Ireland) 2017 and has no objection to the rule.

Mrs Kellie Armstrong stated she was not content with the Statutory Rule.

The Committee agreed to move to Agenda Item 12.

12. Departmental Briefing – Bicycle Strategy Delivery Plan – Belfast Bicycle Network Plan

10:32 am The Departmental official joined the meeting.

The Committee was briefed by Dr Andrew Grieve, Head of Cycling Unit.

10:36 am Mr Alex Easton left the meeting.

Agreed: The official agreed to provide the Committee with a full list of who the Department consulted with in the development of the Belfast bicycle network.

10:58 am Mr Alex Easton re-joined the meeting.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

11:02 am The Departmental official left the meeting.

13. Departmental Briefing – Consultation on the Review of Permitted Development Rights for Mineral Exploration.

11:03 am The Departmental officials joined the meeting.

The Committee was briefed by Mr Angus Kerr, Director of Planning Policy, Ms Irene Kennedy, Planning Policy, Mr David Doherty, Planning Policy and Mr Scott Symington, Strategic Planning.

11:06 am Mr Daniel McCrossan left the meeting.

11:07 am Mr Paul Girvan left the meeting.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

11:21 am The Departmental officials left the meeting.

14. Draft Forward Work Programme

The Committee considered the draft Forward Work Programme for January 2017.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the draft forward work programme for January 2017.

15. Any Other Business

None.

16. Date, time and place of next meeting

The Committee noted that the next meeting should be held on Wednesday, 25 January 2017.

11:25 pm The Chairperson adjourned the meeting.

**Mr William Humphrey MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Infrastructure**

25 January 2017