



**Northern Ireland
Assembly**

**COMMITTEE FOR THE OFFICE OF THE FIRST MINISTER AND DEPUTY
FIRST MINISTER
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2013
ROOM 30, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

Present: Mr Mike Nesbitt (Chairperson)
Mr Alex Attwood
Mr Leslie Cree
Miss Megan Fearon
Mrs Brenda Hale
Ms Bronwyn McGahan
Mr Stephen Moutray
Mr George Robinson
Mr Jimmy Spratt

Apologies: Mr Alex Maskey

In Attendance: Mrs Shauna Mageean (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Keith McBride (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mr Stephen Magee (Clerical Supervisor)
Mrs Marion Johnson (Clerical Officer)

The meeting began at 2.00 pm in public session

1. Apologies

As detailed above.

2. Chairperson's Business

Informal Meeting with Community Relations Council

The Chairperson provided the Committee with an overview of his informal meeting with the Community Relations Council on Friday 15 November 2013.

Fuel Poverty Coalition

The Committee noted an invitation to the Chairperson to attend a Conference by the Fuel Poverty Coalition on Wednesday 27 November 2013.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the Chairperson would send his apologies to the Fuel Poverty Coalition as the Conference is at the same time as the Committee's weekly meeting.

Current Invitations

The Committee noted the list of current invitations.

Committee Event

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the Committee Office would scope events to engage with young people in relation to Together: Building a United Community.

Mr Robinson joined the meeting at 2.04 p.m.

3. Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2013

Agreed: The draft minutes of the proceedings of the 13 November 2013 were agreed by the Committee.

4. Matters Arising

Victims and Survivors Issues

The Committee noted a response from the Department providing further information in relation to victims and survivors issues.

Committee for Employment and Learning

The Committee considered a response from the Department to the Committee for Employment and Learning's Research Paper on Good Practice Gender Equality Policy in the EU 27 Nations.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the response to the Committee for Employment and Learning for information.

Mr Attwood joined the meeting at 2.06 p.m.

List of Outstanding Issues

The Committee considered the list of outstanding issues.

5. Correspondence

Miss Fearon joined the meeting at 2.07 p.m.

Departmental Savings Delivery Plans

The Committee considered correspondence from the Department providing further information on its performance against its Savings Delivery Plans for 2013/14.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Strategic Investment Board to request further information on its staffing costs and spend on consultants.

Committee Review Group

The Committee noted a memo from the Clerk of the Committee Review Group in relation to the Review of the Committee System of the NI Assembly.

Forthspring Inter Community Group

The Committee noted correspondence from the Forthspring Inter Community Group providing a summary of the main points it is making in relation to the interface section of Together: Building a United Community.

Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment

The Committee noted a copy of the Committee for Enterprise Trade and Investment's Report on its visit to Brussels.

6. Forward Work Programme

The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme.

7. Any Other Business

None

8. Date, Time and Location of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday 27 November 2013, in Room 30, Parliament Buildings.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2.15 p.m.

Mr Mike Nesbitt MLA
Chairperson,
Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister