



**Northern Ireland  
Assembly**

**COMMITTEE FOR THE OFFICE OF THE FIRST MINISTER AND DEPUTY  
FIRST MINISTER  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2015  
ROOM 30, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

Present: Mr Mike Nesbitt (Chairperson)  
Mr Chris Lyttle (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Andy Allen  
Mr Paul Frew  
Mr Gordon Lyons  
Mr Alex Maskey  
Mr David McIlveen  
Mr Stephen Moutray

Apologies: Ms Megan Fearon  
Mr Chris Hazzard

In Attendance: Mrs Kathy O'Hanlon (Assembly Clerk)  
Miss Karen Jardine (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Mr Stephen Magee (Clerical Supervisor)  
Mr Innis Mennie (Clerical Officer)

*The meeting began in closed session at 2.04 pm.*

## **1. NIPSO Bill**

Members noted that amendments to the Bill had been tabled by an MLA.

*Agreed:* Members agreed to meet on Monday 19 October 2015 at 11.30am to consider the amendments in advance of Consideration Stage on 20 October.

### Correspondence

The Committee noted copy correspondence from the Ombudsman to Mr Trevor Lunn MLA, relating to the Ombudsman's proposed role in relation to student complaints.

*The meeting moved into public session at 2.06pm.*

## **2. Apologies**

Apologies were as recorded above.

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Gordon Lyons to his first meeting of the Committee.

## **3. Chair's Business**

### Accessible Transport Strategy 2025 Workshop

The Committee noted an invitation to a workshop to discuss the current consultation on the Accessible Transport Strategy 2025, scheduled for 10 November at the Ramada Encore, Belfast.

### NIABT: EU Referendum/Brexit

The Chair advised that he had been invited to participate in a panel discussion arranged by the NI Assembly Business Trust on the theme of the EU Referendum and the impact of a 'Brexit' on the local business community, scheduled for Monday 16 November.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content for the Chair to participate in the panel discussion.

The Committee noted the list of current invitations.

## **4. Draft Minutes of the meetings held on 13 October 2015**

*Agreed:* The draft minutes of the proceedings of 13 October 2015 were agreed by the Committee.

## **5. Matters Arising**

### List of Outstanding Correspondence

The Committee noted the list of outstanding correspondence.

## **6. Correspondence**

### EU Matters 07/2015

The Committee noted the latest EU Matters Newsletter, prepared by the NI Assembly EU Affairs Manager, which included information relating to asylum and migration; the Scottish and Welsh Inquiries into EU Reform; and the next meeting of the Chairs of the European Committees, which will be held in Parliament Buildings on 27 November.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to OFMDFM for information on how the Executive is, or will be, feeding into the UK Government's EU reform agenda.

#### Committee for Finance and Personnel

The Committee noted a copy letter from Mr Martin McGuinness MLA to the Committee for Finance and Personnel providing further information following his appearance at the Committee in respect of the NAMA Review.

#### **7. Draft Forward Work Programme**

The Committee agreed the draft Forward Work Programme up to 4 November 2015.

#### **8. Wellbeing Framework - Measuring Wellbeing in NI**

*Mr David McIlveen declared an interest as a participant in the Carnegie UK Trust Roundtable discussions on a Wellbeing Framework for NI.*

*Representatives from the Carnegie UK Trust joined the meeting at 2.11pm.*

John Woods, Carnegie Associate/QUB School of Law; Dr Theresa Donaldson, Chief Executive, Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council; and Dr Peter Doran, Carnegie Associate/QUB School of Law, briefed the Committee on the Wellbeing Framework. Questions and discussion followed.

*Mr Frew joined the meeting at 2.23pm.*

*Mr Maskey joined the meeting at 2.24pm.*

*Representatives from the Carnegie UK Trust left the meeting at 3.15pm.*

*Mr McIlveen left the meeting at 3.15pm.*

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to other statutory committees to ask if they have considered the Carnegie UK Trust Wellbeing Framework, and for any views they may have on the framework.

#### **9. Inquiry into Building a United Community - Briefing by Departmental officials**

The Committee noted a written response from the Department to the recommendations and conclusions arising from its Inquiry into Building a United Community; and a copy of the evaluation report of the Contested Space/Interface Programme 2011-2015.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to publish the Departmental response to the Inquiry on its webpages; and to forward it to the relevant statutory committees.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to copy the evaluation report of the Contested Spaces/Interface Programme 2011-2015 to the relevant statutory committees.

The Committee noted that the Assistant Clerk had made a presentation on the Inquiry Report to the Interface Community Partners group earlier in the day; and that a note of the meeting would be made available for Members.

*Departmental officials joined the meeting at 3.16 pm.*

Departmental officials Ms Grainne Killen, Ms Donna Blaney, Mr Peter Robinson and Mr Michael McGinley briefed Members on the Department's response to the Committee's Inquiry into Building a United Community.

*Mr McIlveen returned to the meeting at 3.21pm.*

*Mr Michael McGinley, Departmental official, joined the witnesses at 3.22pm.*

Questions and discussion followed and the evidence session was recorded by Hansard.

The Department agreed to provide further information on a number of issues including: clarification on which recommendations had been accepted, noted or rejected; clarification on whether progress is on track to achieve targets regarding shared education campuses or if there are any concerns in this regard; a list of dates on which the Ministerial Panel has met; a full response to the recommendation on laying an annual report to the NI Assembly on the progress of T:BUC; progress on the appointment of a Chair for the proposed T:BUC Community Engagement Forum; a breakdown of the £800m funding allocated to T:BUC against the headline actions; and spend to date on T:BUC headline actions.

*Departmental officials left the meeting at 4.11pm.*

## **10. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **11. Date, Time and Location of next meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is at 11.30am in Room 29 on Monday 19 October 2015 to consider amendments tabled to Consideration Stage of the Public Services Ombudsperson Bill.

*The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4.12pm.*

**Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister**