

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 7 MAY 2014
ROOM 29, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Ms Michaela Boyle (Chairperson)
Mr Alex Easton
Mr Paul Girvan
Mr Daithí McKay
Mr Seán Rogers

In Attendance: Ms Lucia Wilson (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Trevor Allen (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mrs Danielle Saunders (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Darren Weir (Clerical Officer)
Miss Clare Rice (Bursary Student)

Apologies: Mr John Dallat (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Trevor Clarke
Mr Michael Copeland
Mr Chris Hazzard
Mr Adrian McQuillan

2.08pm The meeting opened in public session

1. Apologies

Apologies are listed above.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 30 April 2014

Agreed: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

Correspondence from Playboard

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from Playboard in relation to its 'Let Us Play' campaign and agreed to write to Playboard indicating that it would be more appropriate to contact the relevant statutory committees to discuss the programme.

Correspondence from Ciaran McAuley, Chief Executive of the Lyric Theatre

Agreed: Members noted correspondence from Ciaran McAuley of the Lyric Theatre in response to the Committee's request for additional information following the meeting on 2nd April with Mr Sid McDowell, Sir George Bain and Mr Philip Cheevers and agreed to seek further clarification on one particular issue.

Correspondence from the Department of the Environment on Safeguarding Northern Ireland's Listed Buildings

The Committee noted correspondence from Mr Leo O'Reilly, Accounting Officer for the Department of the Environment, in response to a request for an update on the Memorandum of Reply (MOR) to the Committee's report on Safeguarding Northern Ireland's Listed Buildings.

Motion on Amendment to Standing Order 56(1)

Members noted that a motion for debate has been scheduled for 13th May on an amendment to Standing Order 56(1).

2.26pm the meeting moved to closed session

4. Press release on the Committee's report on 'Account NI: Review of a Public Sector Financial Shared Service Centre'

The Committee noted correspondence, in relation to the Committee's draft press release on the above report, from Mr Paul Wickens, Chief Executive of Enterprise Shared Services (DFP) and the Comptroller and Auditor General's response to that correspondence. The Committee also noted correspondence from Mr Wickens to the Chairperson on this issue.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the draft press release, subject to amendment.

2.37pm Mr Easton left the meeting; the meeting became inquorate

2.37pm the meeting adjourned

Ms Michaela Boyle
Chairperson, Public Accounts Committee