

## **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

WEDNESDAY, 11 JUNE 2014  
SENATE CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present:

Mr John Dallat (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Michael Copeland  
Mr Alex Easton  
Mr Paul Girvan  
Mr Chris Hazzard  
Mr Ross Hussey  
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)

Apologies:

Ms Michaela Boyle (Chairperson)  
Mr Trevor Clarke  
Mr Adrian McQuillan

*2.06pm The meeting began in closed session*

#### **1. Inquiry into the Future Impact of Borrowing and Private Finance Commitments and Belfast Metropolitan College's Titanic Quarter PPP Project – Preparation Session**

The Committee concluded its preparations in advance of the evidence session on the 'Future Impact of Borrowing and Private Finance Commitments' element of the inquiry.

*2.32pm The meeting moved to public session*

## **2. Apologies**

Apologies are listed above.

## **3. Minutes of the meeting on 4 June 2014**

*Agreed:* The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

## **4. Matters Arising**

### Correspondence from the Accounting Officer of the Department for Social Development

The Committee noted correspondence from the Accounting Officer of the Department for Social Development on Apex Housing Group. The correspondence was requested during the evidence session on the Committee's inquiry into Tackling Social Housing Tenancy Fraud in Northern Ireland.

## **5. Inquiry into the Future Impact of Borrowing and Private Finance Commitments and Belfast Metropolitan College's Titanic Quarter PPP Project – Evidence Session**

The Committee took oral evidence on the above inquiry from:

- Dr Mark Browne, Accounting Officer, Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister (OFMDFM);
- Mr Stephen Peover, Accounting Officer, Department of Finance & Personnel (DFP);
- Mr Brett Hannam, Chief Executive, Strategic Investment Board; and
- Mr Michael Breenan, Budget Director, DFP.

The witnesses answered a number of questions put by the Committee and agreed to provide additional information in writing.

*2.44pm Mr Hazzard joined the meeting*

*2.46pm Mr McKay joined the meeting*

*2.55pm Mr Hazzard left the meeting*

*2.56pm Mr Hazzard re-joined the meeting*

*3.09pm Mr Hussey left the meeting*

*3.13pm Mr McKay left the meeting*

*3.53pm Mr Copeland re-joined the meeting*

The Deputy Chairperson wished Mr Peover well in his forthcoming retirement and thanked him for his work with the Committee over the years.

*3.54pm The meeting moved to closed session*

*3.55pm Mr Girvan left the meeting*

## **6. Inquiry into the Future Impact of Borrowing and Private Finance Commitments and Belfast Metropolitan College's Titanic Quarter PPP Project – Discussion on Evidence Session**

The Committee discussed the issues arising from the evidence session on the above inquiry to inform the drafting of an issues paper for consideration at the meeting of 25 June 2014.

**7. Any Other Business**

No other items of business were raised.

**8. Date, time and place of next meeting**

Members noted that the next meeting of the Committee will take place on Wednesday 18 June 2014 at 1.30pm in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

*3.57pm the meeting adjourned*

**Mr John Dallat**  
**Deputy Chairperson, Public Accounts Committee**