

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2014
SENATE CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Ms Michaela Boyle (Chairperson)
Mr Roy Beggs
Mr Trevor Clarke
Mr Alex Easton
Mr Paul Girvan
Mr Daithi McKay
Mr Adrian McQuillan
Mr Sean Rogers

In Attendance: Ms Lucia Wilson (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Jack Peel (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mrs Danielle Saunders (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Darren Weir (Clerical Officer)

Apologies: Mr John Dallat (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Phil Flanagan
Mr Ross Hussey

2.06pm The meeting began in public session

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from the Deputy Chairperson, Mr Flanagan and Mr Hussey.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 15 October 2014

Agreed: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

2.09pm Mr McKay joined the meeting

3. Correspondence

There was no new correspondence to report.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising to report.

5. Inquiry into the Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service Trust Statement 2012-13 - Evidence Session

The Committee took oral evidence on the above inquiry from:

- Mr Nick Perry, Accounting Officer, Department of Justice
- Mr Mark Hamilton, Assistant Chief Constable, Police Service of Northern Ireland
- Mr David A Lavery CB, Director of Access to Justice, Department of Justice
- Ms Jacqui Durkin, Former Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunal Service

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

2.34pm Mr Clarke joined the meeting

2.53pm Mr Clarke left the meeting

3.01pm Mr Clarke re-joined the meeting

3.15pm Mr McKay left the meeting

3.25pm Mr Girvan left the meeting

3.31pm Mr Girvan re-joined the meeting

3.32pm Mr Rogers left the meeting

3.36pm Mr Rogers re-joined the meeting

3.46pm Mr McQuillan left the meeting

3.48pm Mr McQuillan re-joined the meeting

4.12pm Mr McQuillan left the meeting

4.21pm Mr Clarke left the meeting

4.44pm The meeting went into closed session

6. Inquiry into Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunal Service Trust Statement – Discussion on evidence session with NIAO Officials

The Committee discussed the evidence session with NIAO Officials.

7. Inquiry into the Future Impact of Borrowing and Private Finance Commitments and Belfast Metropolitan College's Titanic Quarter PPP Project

The Committee noted an item of correspondence from Mr Brett Hannam, Chief Executive of the Strategic Investment Board.

8. Any Other Business

Northern Ireland Events Company

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer consideration of this issue until the publication of the C&AG report into the matter.

Members Development

The Chair reminded Members of the availability of professional development through the Politics Plus programme.

Agreed: It was agreed that the Clerk would explore options for the delivery of refresher training through the programme.

9. Date, time and place of next meeting

Members were advised that the next meeting of the Committee will take place on Wednesday 5 November 2014 at 2.00pm in Room 29, Parliament Buildings.

4.55pm The meeting was adjourned

Mr John Dallat
Deputy Chairperson, Public Accounts Committee