

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2014
SENATE CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Ms Michaela Boyle (Chairperson)
Mr John Dallat (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Trevor Clarke
Mr Michael Copeland
Mr Alex Easton
Mr Paul Girvan
Mr Chris Hazzard
Mr Ross Hussey
Mr Daithí McKay
Mr Adrian McQuillan
Mr Seán Rogers

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

Apologies: No apologies were received.

2.14pm The meeting began in public session

Chairperson's Business

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Committee, welcomed Mr Jack Peel to the meeting and wished him well in his new role as incoming Assistant Assembly Clerk to this Committee.

1. Apologies

No apologies were received.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 10 September 2014

Agreed: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

3. Ministerial Direction – DARD Headquarters Move to Ballykelly

The Committee considered notification from C&AG of a Direction from the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) in relation to the DARD headquarters move to Ballykelly.

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

The Committee noted a number of items of correspondence from Derek Baker, Accounting Officer, Department for Employment and Learning.

The Committee took oral evidence on the above inquiry from:

- Derek Baker, Accounting Officer, Department for Employment and Learning;
- Tom Redmond, Head of Further Education Estates Branch, Department for Employment and Learning;
- Marie-Thérèse McGivern, Principal and Chief Executive, Belfast Metropolitan College;
- Elaine Hartin, Chief Operating Officer, Belfast Metropolitan College; and
- Pat O'Neill, Strategic Adviser, Strategic Investment Board (SIB).

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

2.29pm *Mr McKay joined the meeting*
2.55pm *Mr Hazzard left the meeting*
2.58pm *Mr Hazzard re-joined the meeting*
3.00pm *Mr Hussey left the meeting*
3.03pm *Mr McKay left the meeting*
3.09pm *Mr Copeland left the meeting*
3.10pm *Mr Hussey re-joined the meeting*
3.17pm *Mr McKay re-joined the meeting*
3.18pm *Mr Copeland re-joined the meeting*
3.24pm *Mr McQuillan left the meeting*
3.33pm *Mr Copeland left the meeting*
3.38pm *Mr Dallat left the meeting*
3.42pm *Mr Dallat re-joined the meeting*
3.45pm *Mr Hazzard left the meeting*
3.56pm *Mr Rogers left the meeting*
3.57pm *Mr McKay left the meeting*
4.01pm *Mr Rogers re-joined the meeting*
4.33pm *Mr Rogers left the meeting*

4.46pm *The meeting moved to closed session*

5. Consideration of Draft Forward Work Programme – September to December 2014

Agreed: Members considered and agreed a revision to the Committee's draft Forward Work Programme for September to December 2014.

6. Date, time and place of next meeting

Members were advised that the next meeting of the Committee will take place on Wednesday 24th September 2014 at 2.00pm in Room 29, Parliament Buildings.

5.14pm *The meeting was adjourned*

Ms Michaela Boyle
Chairperson, Public Accounts Committee