

## **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2015  
ROOM 29, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Ms Michaela Boyle (Chairperson)  
Mr John Dallat (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Roy Beggs  
Mr Trevor Clarke  
Mr Alex Easton  
Mr Phil Flanagan  
Mr Paul Girvan  
Mr Ross Hussey  
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: None

*2.02pm The meeting began in public session*

#### **1. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

#### **2. Minutes of the meeting on 3 February 2015**

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

*2.03pm Mr Dallat joined the meeting*

### **3. Correspondence**

There was no new correspondence received.

### **4. Matters Arising**

#### Correspondence received from Mr James McKeown in relation to the Presbyterian Mutual Society

2.05pm Mr Beggs declared an interest as his parents were savers in the Presbyterian Mutual Society.

2.06pm Mr Clarke joined the meeting

2.08pm Mr Girvan joined the meeting

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to Mr McKeown to inform him that they have now investigated his query as far as they can and inform him of the other avenues open for him to pursue it further.

#### Correspondence received from Mr David Lavery regarding the Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service Trust Statement 2012-13

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence from Mr Lavery.

2.08pm Mr Dallat left the meeting

2.09pm Mr Dallat re-joined the meeting

### **5. Inquiry into DSD Advanced Land Purchases – Briefing Session**

The Committee received briefing from the C&AG and NIAO Officials.

2.14pm The meeting moved into closed session.

2.34pm Mr Flanagan joined the meeting

2.39pm Mr Clarke left the meeting

2.40pm Mr McQuillan joined the meeting

Agreed: The Committee agreed that at the evidence session on 11<sup>th</sup> February it would request from the Department a copy of the Pricewaterhouse Coopers forensic accountants report into Helm Housing association.

2.41pm Mr Hussey left the meeting

2.49pm Mr Clarke re-joined the meeting

2.50pm Mr Dallat re-joined the meeting

2.58pm Mr McKay joined the meeting

2.59pm *Mr Dallat re-joined the meeting*

## **6. Inquiry into DSD Advanced Land Purchases – Preparation Session**

*Agreed* : The Committee selected areas for questioning for the evidence session on 11 February and began preparatory work for that session.

3.21pm *Mr Dallat left the meeting*

3.25pm *Mr Clarke left the meeting*

3.29pm *Mr Dallat re-joined the meeting*

3.35pm *Mr Girvan left the meeting*

3.40pm *Mr Clarke and Mr Girvan re-joined the meeting*

3.45pm *Mr Flanagan left the meeting*

## **7. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

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

Members were advised that the next meeting of the Committee will take place on Wednesday 11 February 2015 at 2.00pm in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

3.54pm *The meeting was adjourned.*

**Ms Michaela Boyle**  
**Chairperson, Public Accounts Committee**