

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 10 JUNE 2015
ROOM 29, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Ms Michaela Boyle (Chairperson)
Mr John Dallat (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Roy Beggs
Mr Trevor Clarke
Mr Paul Girvan
Mr Ross Hussey

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

Apologies: Mr Daithi McKay
Mr Adrian McQuillan
Mr Sean Rogers

2.06pm The meeting began in open session. Only four Members were present so the Committee did not have a decision-making quorum. In the absence of a decision-making quorum proceedings continued in line with Standing Order 49(5).

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr McKay, Mr Rogers and Mr McQuillan.

3. Correspondence

Correspondence received from the Health Committee re the NIAO General Health Report

The Committee were content to note this correspondence.

4. Matters Arising

There were no new matters arising.

5. Ministerial Direction – Shackelton Site, Ballykelly

2.19pm Mr. Clarke joined the meeting. Decision-making quorum was restored.

In response to an individual Member's concerns, the Comptroller & Auditor General agreed to keep the Committee abreast of any future developments on the disposal of this site.

6. Update on MOR re the Agri-Food and Bioscience Institute (AFBI)

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note this MOR update.

7. Inquiry into Primary Care Prescribing – Correspondence received from TOA

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note this correspondence.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 3 June 2015

Agreed: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

2.24pm The meeting moved into Closed Session

8. Inquiry into DSD: the Effectiveness of Public Transport in Northern Ireland

2.25pm Mr Girvan joined the meeting

Agreed: The Committee considered its draft report on the above inquiry.

Main Body of Report:

Paragraphs 1-14	Read and Agreed
Recommendations 1&2	Read and Agreed
Paragraphs 17-22	Read and Agreed
Recommendation 3	Read, Amended and Agreed
Recommendation 4 & 5	Read and Agreed
Paragraphs 26-32	Read and Agreed
Recommendation 6 - 8	Read and Agreed
Paragraph 36	Deleted (Blank Paragraph, subsequent numbers adjusted)
Paragraphs 37-39	Read and Agreed
Recommendation 9	Read and Agreed
Paragraphs 41-46	Read and Agreed
Paragraph 47	Read, Amended and Agreed
Recommendation 10 & 11	Read and Agreed
Paragraphs 50-52	Read and Agreed
Recommendation 12	Read and Agreed

Executive Summary:

Paragraphs 1-6 Read and Agreed

Conclusions:

Paragraphs 7-14 Read and Agreed

Summary of Recommendations:

Recommendations 1-2	Read and Agreed
Recommendation 3	Read, Amended and Agreed
Recommendation 4-12	Read and Agreed

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes, minutes of evidence and correspondence to be included as appendices to the report.

Agreed: The Committee ordered the report to be printed

Agreed: The Committee agreed the report to be launched in mid-September 2015.

**9. Correspondence from Mr Dermot Nesbitt regarding inquiry into DSD:
Advanced Land Purchases**

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to Mr Nesbitt to advise him that the draft report is to be considered on 17 June 2015 and that the final report is due to be launched in September 2015.

10. Date, time and place of next meeting

Members were advised that the next meeting of the Committee would be at 2pm on Wednesday 17th June in Room 29, Parliament Buildings.

3.04pm Meeting adjourned

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