

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2015,

ROOM 29, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Ms Michaela Boyle (Chairperson)
Mr Roy Beggs
Mr Ross Hussey
Ms Claire Hanna
Mr Adrian McQuillan

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

Apologies: Mr John Dallat (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Trevor Clarke
Mr Phil Flanagan
Mr Paul Girvan
Mr Conor Murphy

3.08pm The meeting began in open session.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Dallat, Mr Clarke, Mr Flanagan, Mr Girvan and Mr Murphy.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 16 September 2015

Agreed: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

3. Correspondence

There was no new correspondence to discuss.

3.09pm *The meeting moved into closed session*

4. Matters Arising

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to DFP, highlighting PAC concerns and asking them to co-ordinate an exercise to assess the cost of suspended staff across the public sector. The Committee also asked that the exercise ascertain the average length of time per suspension.

5. Inquiry into DSD: Advanced Land Purchases Draft Press Release

The Committee agreed to review the draft press release at the next meeting.

6. Inquiry into the General Report on the Health and Social Care Sector 2012-13 and 2013-14 – Issues Paper

Agreed: The Committee received briefing on the contents of the issues paper from the C&AG and his team. The Committee then agreed that they were content for the C&AG to produce the first draft of the Committee report for consideration.

7. Any Other Business

Northern Ireland Events Company

Agreed: The Committee agreed to call Mr Mervyn Elder to give evidence at the table together with officials from DCAL.

8. Date, time and place of next meeting

Members were informed that the next meeting of the Committee would be at 2.00pm on Wednesday 30 September in Room 29, Parliament Buildings.

3.48pm *The meeting adjourned.*

Ms Michaela Boyle (Chairperson)
Chairperson, Public Accounts Committee