

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2015, ROOM 29, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Mr John Dallat (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Roy Beggs
Mr Trevor Clarke
Ms Claire Hanna

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

Apologies: Ms Michaela Boyle (Chairperson)
Mr Paul Girvan
Mr Phil Flanagan
Mr Ross Hussey
Mr Conor Murphy

2.36pm *The meeting began in closed session with four Members present. The Committee did not have 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 Ms Boyle, Mr Hussey, Mr Girvan, Mr Flanagan and Mr Murphy.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 2 December 2015

Unable to agree in absence of decision-making quorum. To be included in next meeting's agenda.

3. Matters Arising

There were no new matters arising.

4. Correspondence

There was no new correspondence.

5. Inquiry into DRD: The Effectiveness of Public Transport in Northern Ireland – Memorandum of Reply

Unable to consider or agree in absence of decision-making quorum. To be added to a future agenda.

6. Inquiry into DE: Sustainability of Schools

Correspondence from DE regarding follow-up to evidence session

Unable to consider or agree to note in absence of decision-making quorum. To be added to a future agenda.

7. Inquiry into DE: Sustainability of Schools – Consideration of draft report

Consideration of report postponed until January.

8. Briefing from NIAO on General Report 2015 and Excess Votes 2015

The Committee received a briefing from the NI Audit Office on their General Report 2015 and Excess Votes.

9. Any Other Business

Inquiry into Land Deals in NIHE

Members were informed that all 4 witnesses have confirmed their intention to attend the evidence session scheduled for 20 January 2016.

10. Date, time and place of next meeting

Members were informed that the next meeting of the Committee would be at 2.00pm on Wednesday 13 January 2016 in Room 29, Parliament Buildings.

3.04pm The meeting adjourned.

Ms Michaela Boyle (Chairperson)
Chairperson, Public Accounts Committee