

## **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2016, ROOM 29, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Mr John Dallat (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Roy Beggs  
Mr Trevor Clarke  
Mr Ross Hussey  
Mr Jim Wells  
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 Conor Murphy

*2.20pm The meeting began in open session*

#### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Ms Boyle (Chairperson), Mr Girvan, Mr Flanagan and Mr Murphy.

#### **2. Minutes of the meeting of 17 February 2016**

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

#### **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

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the correspondence dated 10 February 2016 from the Treasury Officer of Accounts, Ms Caldwell, in relation to the recent Memorandum of Reply on the inquiry into DRD – The Effectiveness of Public Transport in Northern Ireland.

*Agreed:* Members also agreed to write to the Head of the Northern Ireland Civil Service to seek clarification around the Department's response to Recommendation 8.

2.28pm *The meeting moved into closed session*

#### 6. Inquiry into Invest to Save funding in Northern Ireland

Correspondence received from DFP's Accounting Officer regarding follow-up letter from evidence session

*Agreed:* Members agreed to note correspondence dated 11 February 2016 and to publish on the inquiry website.

#### 7. Inquiry into The Governance of Land and Property in the Northern Ireland Housing Executive

Correspondence received from Mr David Hutchinson, former Head of Land and Property in the Northern Ireland Housing Executive

*Agreed:* Members agreed to note the correspondence dated 16 February 2016 and to redact and publish on the inquiry website.

#### Consideration of draft report

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

#### **Main Body of Report:**

Paragraphs 1 to 4	Read and Agreed
Paragraphs 5 to 8	Read and Agreed
Paragraph 9	Read, Amended and Agreed
Paragraph 10	Read, Amended and Agreed
Paragraph 11	Read, Amended and Agreed
Paragraph 12	Read, Amended and Agreed
Paragraph 13	Read, Amended and Agreed
Paragraph 14	Read and Agreed
Paragraph 15	Read, Amended and Agreed
Paragraph 16	Read and Agreed
Recommendation 1	Read and Agreed
Paragraph 17	Read and Agreed
Paragraph 18	Read, Amended and Agreed
Paragraphs 19 to 21	Read and Agreed
Recommendation 2	Read and Agreed
Paragraphs 22 and 23	Read and Agreed
Paragraph 24	Read, Amended and Agreed
Paragraphs 25 to 28	Read and Agreed
Recommendation 3	Read and Agreed
Paragraphs 29 to 40	Read and Agreed
Paragraph 41	Read, Amended and Agreed
Recommendation 5	Read, Amended and Agreed
Paragraphs 42 to 44	Read and Agreed
Recommendation 6	Read, Amended and Agreed

Paragraph 45	Read, Amended and Agreed
Paragraphs 46 to 48	Read and Agreed
Paragraphs 49 to 53	Read and Agreed
Paragraph 54	Read, Amended and Agreed
Paragraphs 55 to 58	Read and Agreed
Paragraph 59	Read, Amended and Agreed
Paragraphs 60 to 64	Read and Agreed
Recommendation 7	Read, Amended and Agreed
Recommendation 8	Read, Amended and Agreed
Paragraphs 65 to 68	Read and Agreed

**Executive Summary:**

Paragraphs 1-8	Read and Agreed
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**Summary of Recommendations:**

Recommendations 1-8	Read, Amended and Agreed
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*3.14pm: Ms Hanna joined the meeting*

*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 as amended to be printed

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the report to be launched on Wednesday 9 March 2016 and for a press release to be brought before the Committee on Wednesday 2 March 2016.

**8. Inquiry into Department of Education: The Sustainability of Schools**

*Agreed:* The draft press release was agreed. The Committee agreed that the press release be amended and published.

*3.36pm: Mr Clarke left the meeting*

*3.37pm: Mr Clarke re-joined the meeting*

**9. Any Other Business**

There was no further business to discuss.

**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 2 March 2016 in Room 29, Parliament Buildings.

*3.40pm The meeting adjourned.*

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