

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH 2016, ROOM 29, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Mr John Dallat (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Roy Beggs
Mr Phil Flanagan
Ms Claire Hanna
Mr Ross Hussey
Mr Edwin Poots
Mr Jim Wells

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)

2.10pm The meeting began in open session

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ms Boyle (Chairperson)

2. Minutes of the meeting of 24 February 2016

Agreed: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

Correspondence received from the NI Audit Office regarding an update on Training for Women Network

Agreed: Members agreed to note correspondence dated 26 February 2016 and that the Audit Office will provide a further update if necessary at a later date.

Correspondence received from Mr T.I McManus regarding the Charity Commission NI

**Mr Hussey declared an interest in this matter as a member of DPOANI*

Agreed: Members agreed to note the correspondence dated 24 February 2016.

Agreed: Members agreed that the Committee will write back to Mr McManus advising him that a further response from the Committee will be provided once all legal action has been completed.

Correspondence received from DETI's Accounting Officer regarding the disqualification of Janice McAleese

Agreed: Members agreed to note correspondence dated 29 February 2016.

4. Correspondence

There was no new correspondence.

2.22pm The meeting moved into closed session

5. NIAO Memorandum and Estimate for 2016-17

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the Northern Ireland Audit Office Estimate for 2016-17.

Agreed: Members agreed to write to the Audit Committee to advise that the Committee is content with the Estimates.

6. Inquiry into Invest to Save funding in Northern Ireland

Correspondence from DFP Accounting Officer

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence dated 29 February 2016 from DFP's Accounting Officer, Mr David Sterling.

7. Inquiry into Invest to Save funding in Northern Ireland

Consideration of draft report

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

Main Body of Report:

Paragraphs 1 to 5	Read and Agreed
Paragraph 6	Read, Amended and Agreed
Paragraph 7	Read, Amended and Agreed
Recommendation 1	Read, Amended and Agreed
Paragraphs 9 and 10	Read and Agreed
Recommendation 2	Read and Agreed
Paragraph 12	Read, Amended and Agreed
Paragraph 13	Read and Agreed
Paragraph 14	Read, Amended and Agreed
Paragraph 15	Read and Agreed
Recommendation 3	Read and Agreed
Paragraphs 17 and 18	Read and Agreed
Paragraph 19	Read, Amended and Agreed
Paragraph 20	Read and Agreed
Recommendation 4	Read, Amended and Agreed
Paragraph 22	Read and Agreed
Paragraph 23	Read, Amended and Agreed
Paragraphs 24 to 26	Read and Agreed
Recommendation 5	Read and Agreed

Paragraph 28

Read and Agreed

Executive Summary:

Paragraphs 1-7

Read and Agreed

Summary of Recommendations:

Recommendations 1-5

Read, Amended 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 as amended to be printed

Agreed: The Committee agreed the report to be launched on Wednesday 16 March 2016 and for a press release to be brought before the Committee on Wednesday 9 March 2016.

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

Agreed: Members agreed that the Press Release should be agreed by correspondence.

9. Any Other Business

There was no further business to discuss.

2.46pm Mr Poots joined meeting.

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.

2.47pm The meeting adjourned.

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