

## COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURES

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2016  
ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

Present: Mr Gordon Lyons MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Steven Agnew MLA  
Mrs Rosemary Barton MLA  
Mr Fra McCann MLA  
Mr Conor Murphy MLA

In attendance: Ciara McKay (Clerk)  
Neil Currie (Assistant Clerk)  
Alex Carter (Clerical Officer)

Apologies: Mr Colin McGrath MLA  
Mr Mervyn Storey MLA

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to meet in closed session.

**1.20pm** The meeting began in closed session.

#### **1. Apologies**

The apologies are noted above.

#### **2. Draft minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

*Agreed:* Members agreed the draft minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

#### **3. Review of provisions for Standing Orders as set out in the Assembly and Executive Reform (Assembly Opposition) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016**

The Committee considered a draft discussion paper to be circulated to key stakeholders as part of its review of provisions for Standing Orders as set out in the Assembly and Executive Reform (Assembly Opposition) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the discussion paper.

The Committee considered a draft letter to its key stakeholders inviting a response to its discussion paper.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the draft letter and that it should be circulated along with the discussion paper to key stakeholders.

#### **4. Correspondence**

The Committee considered email correspondence from Mairaid McMahon of the 'Make It Happen campaign' encouraging the Committee to prioritise the roll out of e-Petitions.

*Agreed:* It was agreed that the Clerk should respond to the email, outlining the Committee's recent agreement in relation to the introduction of an e-Petitions facility.

The Committee considered a letter from the Speaker in relation to a number of topics for consideration by the Committee as part of its strategic planning session.

Mr Agnew made a declaration that he is looking to submit a joint Private Members' Bill.

The Committee was content to note the correspondence from the Speaker, and to consider it further during its strategic planning session.

#### **5. Any other Business**

There was no other business.

#### **6. Date, time and place of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee would take place on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 1.15pm in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

**1.26pm** The Chairperson adjourned the meeting.

**Gordon Lyons**  
Chairperson, Committee on Procedures  
25 October 2016