



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2014
ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

Present:

Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr John Dallat MLA
Mr Alex Easton MLA
Mr Ross Hussey MLA
Mr Declan McAleer MLA
Mr David McNarry MLA
Mr Stephen Moutray MLA

In attendance:

Mr Paul Carlisle (Clerk to the Committee)
Mr Gavin Ervine (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Ms Christine Dodson (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Barry McLernon (Clerical Officer)

Apologies:

Mr Trevor Clarke MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Chris Lyttle MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

10:10am The meeting commenced in open session

10:10am The Deputy Chairperson assumed the role of Chairperson

10:10am The Committee was inquorate

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Department for Regional Development Briefing: January Monitoring

10:11am The following officials joined the meeting

Deborah McNeilly – Director of Finance, DRD
John Irvine – Director of Network Services, Transport NI
Stewart Barnes – Head of Financial Planning, DRD

The officials presented to the Committee in respect of the work of the above. Following the presentation, Members put questions.

10:13am Mr McNarry joined the meeting

10:13am The Committee was once again quorate

10:28am Mr Easton joined the meeting

10:47am The officials left the meeting

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request information on public liability claims over the last three financial years.

3. Chairperson's Business

The Deputy Chairperson informed Members that they had been provided with a copy of the Committee's response to the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding the Draft Budget 2015-16.

4. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 3rd December 2014.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 8th December 2014.

5. Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on the Budget 2015/16 presentation.

- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding PfG Mid-Year Performance Monitoring.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding an additional clause in the current Water Bill.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from residents of the Dromore Road area, Omagh, regarding street lights and agreed to forward a copy to the Department for comment.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding appointment process for Chair to Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company and agreed to write to the Department in relation to this process.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted copy of IMTAC report on Walking Routes in Moira Village.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted an invitation to CIPFA Performance Seminar.
- 10:57am The Committee adjourned*
- 10:59am The Committee recommenced in open session*

The following Members were present: Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson), Mr John Dallat MLA, Mr Alex Easton MLA, Mr Declan McAleer MLA.

6. Belfast Public Hire Taxis Briefing

10:59am The following representatives joined the meeting

Gerry Diver – Belfast Public Hire Taxis
Kieran Reilly – Belfast Public Hire Taxis
Graham Fisher – Belfast Public Hire Taxis

The representatives presented to the Committee in respect of the work of the above. Following the presentation, Members put questions.

- 11:01am Mr McNarry re-joined the meeting*
- 11:07am Mr Moutray joined the meeting*
- 11:07am Mr Hussey re-joined the meeting*
- 11:28am The representatives left the meeting*

Agreed: The Committee agreed to undertake a visit to see existing taxi ranks in Belfast City Centre.

7. EU Matters

Members noted EU Matters December 2014 Update.

8. SL1: The Donaghadee Harbour (Transfer of Harbour Undertaking) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

Agreed: That the Committee for Regional Development is content with the merits of the policy proposal.

9. Any Other Business

The Deputy Chairperson informed Members that papers for the meeting on Wednesday 7th January 2015 will be issued on Monday 5th January 2015.

10. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 7th January 2015 at 10:00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings

11:29am The meeting was adjourned

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Mr Trevor Clarke MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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