



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2014
ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present:

Mr Trevor Clarke MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Joe Byrne MLA
Mr Ross Hussey MLA
Mr Chris Lyttle MLA
Mr Declan McAleer MLA
Mr David McNarry MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

In attendance:

Mr Paul Carlisle (Clerk to the Committee)
Mr Gavin Ervine (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Miss Allison Ferguson (Clerical Officer)
Mr Barry McLernon (Clerical Officer)

Apologies:

Mr John Dallat MLA
Mr Stephen Moutray MLA

10:12am The meeting commenced in open session

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Chairperson's Business

The Chairperson gave Members an overview of the Translink seminar he attended on Monday 13th October 2014.

The Chairperson gave Members an overview of the Belfast Rapid Transit Seminar on Tuesday 14th October 2014.

3. Draft Minutes

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

4. Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on the Bicycle Strategy and agreed to include this in the Inquiry report.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding the ISNI Portal.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on October Monitoring.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding a review of the operation of the Barnett Formula.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding Departmental Savings Delivery Plans – up to 31 March 2014.

5. NI Water Briefing: PC15 Draft Determination

10:15am The following officials joined the meeting

Sara Venning – Chief Executive, NI Water

Ronan Larkin – Director of Finance and Regulation, NI Water

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

10:16am Mr Lyttle joined the meeting

10:18am Mr McAleer joined the meeting

10:50am *Mr McAleer left the meeting*

11:00am *Mr McAleer re-joined the meeting*

11:06am *The officials left the meeting*

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to NI Water to ask what levels of penalty have been applied in respect PPPs over the past three financial years.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to NI Water to ask for further information on budgets and costs for power over the past three financial years.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to NI Water to ask for further information regarding the separation of efficiencies between water and waste water.

6. Department for Regional Development Briefing: Enforcement Cameras in Bus Lanes

11:07am *The following officials joined the meeting*

Ciaran de Burca – Director of Transport Projects Division, DRD
Aidan O'Callaghan – Parking Enforcement Contract Manager, DRD
Peter Rice – Transport Projects, DRD

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

Mr Hussey declared an interest as a member of the Policing Board.

11:16am *Mr McNarry joined the meeting*

11:30am *Mr Lynch left the meeting*

11:54am *Mr McNarry left the meeting*

12:00pm *The officials left the meeting*

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to ask for documentary evidence of the current system being operated in Dublin and any consideration that counterparts in Dublin are actively pursuing a similar scheme.

The Committee considered SL1 – The Penalty Charges (Prescribed Devices) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014; the Chairperson put the question “Are Members content with the merits of the policy proposal?”

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

The Committee considered SL1 – The Penalty Charges (Additional Contraventions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014; the Chairperson put the question “Are Members content with the merits of the policy proposal?”

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

7. Off-Street Parking (Functions of District Councils) Bill

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme in relation to the Committee Stage of the Bill.

8. SL1: The A3 Portadown Road, Richhill (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

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

9. Subordinate Legislation not Subject to Assembly Procedure

Members noted:

- The Roads (Classification) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014
- The Waiting Restrictions (Lurgan) (No 2) Order (Amendment No 2) (Northern Ireland) 2014

12:19pm Mr Byrne left the meeting

12:19pm Mr Hussey left the meeting

12:19pm The Committee was inquorate

10. Any Other Business

Mr Lyttle raised the issue of the production of the Committee's report on its Inquiry into the Benefits of Cycling to the Economy.

11. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 22nd October 2014 at 10:00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

12:23pm The meeting was adjourned

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Mr Trevor Clarke MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
22/10/14