



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2015
ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

Present:

Mr Trevor Clarke MLA (Chairperson)
Mr John Dallat MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA
Ms Claire Hanna MLA
Mr Chris Lyttle MLA
Mr David McNarry MLA
Mr Stephen Moutray MLA
Mr Declan McAleer MLA

In attendance:

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

Apologies:

Mrs Brenda Hale MLA
Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)

10:18am The meeting commenced in open session.

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Chairperson's Business

3. Draft Minutes: Meeting of 30 September 2015

10.18am David McNarry joined the meeting.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 30 September 2015.

4. Correspondence

10.24am Mr Moutray joined the meeting.

Members noted the correspondence received.

Agreed: Members to advise Committee staff if they are available to take part in the NI Assembly Education Programme's new Online Election Resource.

Agreed: In relation to the minutes of the BRT Project Board, the Committee agreed to write to the Department to ask if a vehicle contract was awarded; a breakdown of the risks detailed on the Risk Register for BRT; and the procurement schedule for the project.

5. Water & Sewerage Services Bill Oral Evidence – Northern Ireland Environment Agency

10.25am The following witness joined the meeting

- *Ms Stephanie Millar, Principal Scientific Officer North East River Basin, Northern Ireland Environment Agency*

The Committee received oral evidence from the Northern Ireland Environment Agency in regards to the Water and Sewerage Services Bill.

Agreed: Northern Ireland Environment Agency to provide a list of consultants who are experts in SuDs.

10.52am Mr Lyttle joined the meeting.

6. Water & Sewerage Services Bill Oral Evidence – Institution of Civil Engineers

10.54am The following witness joined the meeting

- *Mr Richard Kirk CEng MICE, ICE Regional Director*

The Committee received oral evidence from the Institute of Civil Engineers in regards to the Water and Sewerage Services Bill.

11.04am Mr Moutray left the meeting

11.06am Mr Dallat left the meeting

11.09am Mr Dallat rejoined the meeting

11.09am Mr McAleer left the meeting

11.14am Mr McAleer rejoined the meeting

11.22am Mr Ó hOisín left the meeting

11.22am Mr Moutray rejoined the meeting

11.23am Mr McNarry left the meeting

11.28am Mr McNarry rejoined the meeting

Agreed: Committee to write to NIEA to clarify their position on the quality of SuDs.

Agreed: Storm Water Management Group to be invited to a future Committee meeting.

Agreed: The Clerk to consult with Bills Office colleagues regarding drafting amendments to the Bill.

7. Water & Sewerage Services Bill Oral Evidence – Consumer Council

11.37am The following witnesses joined the meeting

- Mr John French, Chief Executive, Consumer Council Northern Ireland
- Mr Graham Smith, Head of Water, Consumer Council Northern Ireland

The Committee received oral evidence from the Consumer Council in regards to the Water and Sewerage Services Bill.

11.37am Ms Hanna left the meeting

11.40am Ms Hanna rejoined the meeting

11.44am Mr Ó hOisín rejoined the meeting

Agreed: Consumer Council to provide a list of consultants who are experts in SuDs.

Agreed: Consumer Council to provide details of their concerns regarding soft SuDs.

8. Water & Sewerage Services Bill Oral Evidence – Construction Employer Federation

11.50am The following witnesses joined the meeting

- *Mr John Armstrong, Managing Director, Construction Employers Federation*
- *Mr Jonathan Caughey, Federation Manager, Construction Employers Federation*
- *Mr Noel Young, Manager, P Young & Sons*
- *Mr Conor Mulligan, Manager, Lagan Homes*

The Committee received oral evidence from the Construction Employer Federation in regards to the Water and Sewerage Services Bill.

12.19pm Mr McAleer left the meeting.

12.26pm Mr Ó hOisín left the meeting

12.29pm Mr Ó hOisín rejoined the meeting

Agreed: CEF to provide examples of Bond calculations.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to commission a Research Paper on the comparison of costs of Bonds in other jurisdictions.

Agreed: CEF to provide a list of Bond companies.

Agreed: CEF to provide a list of areas where it is deemed by NIW that the infrastructure is not in place or is at its limit.

Agreed: CEF to provide details of discussions held with NIW and DRD.

9. Any Other Business

Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 14 October 2015 at 10:00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

12.40pm The meeting was adjourned.

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Mr Trevor Clarke MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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