



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

**COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2015  
ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**Present:**

Mr Trevor Clarke MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy 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 Adrian Cochrane Watson 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 Declan McAleer MLA

*10.05am The meeting commenced in closed session.*

**1. Road Traffic (Speed Limits) Bill Draft Report Consideration**

The Committee discussed the Committee Report on the Road Traffic (Speed Limits) Bill.

*10.20am Mr Lyttle joined the meeting.*

*10.46am Mr Moutray left the meeting.*

*10.50am Mr Moutray rejoined the meeting.*

10:53am      *The meeting commenced in open session.*

## **2. Apologies**

As above.

10.54am      *Mr Cochrane Watson joined the meeting.*

## **3. Chairperson's Business**

The Committee expressed its condolences to Brenda Hale MLA on the death of her father.

*Agreed:          Committee to write to Mrs Hale to express their condolences.*

The Chair outlined a meeting held with Departmental Officials, on 12 October, regarding issues relating to the Water and Sewerage Services Bill.

## **4. Draft Minutes: Meeting of 7 October 2015**

*Agreed:          The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 7 October 2015.*

## **5. Correspondence**

Members noted the correspondence received.

## **6. Water and Sewerage Services Bill - Bonds**

Members noted the additional information provided relating to the concerns relayed by CEF to the inclusion of a clause to make the provision of a bond for sewers a requirement.

## **7. Road Traffic (Speed Limits) Bill – Draft Report**

*Agreed:          Members agreed the factual section entitled 'Membership and Powers'.*

*Agreed:          Members agreed the factual section entitled 'List of Abbreviations and Acronyms'.*

*Agreed:          Members agreed the factual section entitled 'Executive Summary'.*

*Agreed:          Members agreed the factual section entitled 'Introduction'.*

- Agreed: Members agreed paragraphs 1-2.*
- Agreed: Members agreed with paragraph 3 as amended.*
- Agreed: Members agreed with paragraphs 4-17.*
- Agreed: Members agreed with paragraphs 18-22.*
- Agreed: Members agreed with paragraphs 23-24.*
- Agreed: Members agreed with paragraph 25 as amended.*
- Agreed: Members agreed with paragraphs 26-28.*
- Agreed: Members agreed with paragraph 29 as amended.*
- Agreed: Members agreed with paragraph 30-37.*
- Agreed: Members agreed to include an extract of today's minutes in the Report.*
- Agreed: Members agreed that the Report, with the associated Minutes of Proceedings and Appendices, are ordered to print.*
- Agreed: Members agreed to forward a manuscript copy of the Report to the Minister.*
- Agreed: Members agreed to forward a manuscript copy of the report to the Bill Sponsor.*

## **8. Water and Sewerage Services Bill Oral Evidence – Department for Regional Development**

*10.59am The following witnesses joined the meeting*

- Ms Linda MacHugh, Director of Water Policy & Shareholder Unit, Department for Regional Development*
- Ms Julie-Ann Dutton, Grade 7, Water Policy, Department for Regional Development*
- Ms Jackie King, Deputy Principal, Water Policy, Department for Regional Development*
- Mr Paddy Brow, Grade 6, Water Policy, Department for Regional Development*

The Committee received oral evidence from the Department for Regional Development in regards to the Water and Sewerage Services Bill.

Agreed: Department to provide details of meetings held with SUDs experts in Northern Ireland.

Agreed: Copy of the clause on SUDs drafted by the Department's Drafter to be provided to the Committee.

*11.05am Mr McNarry joined the meeting*

*11.25am Mr Lyttle left the meeting.*

*11.31am Mr Lyttle rejoined the meeting.*

## **9. Water and Sewerage Services Bill Oral Evidence – Northern Ireland Water**

*12.01pm The following witnesses joined the meeting*

- *Mr Sean McAleese, Northern Ireland Water*
- *Mr Martin McIlwaine, Northern Ireland Water*
- *Mr Frank Stewart, Northern Ireland Water*
- *Dr Gary Curran, Northern Ireland Water*

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

*12.02pm Mr McNarry left the meeting.*

*12.12pm Mr McNarry rejoined the meeting.*

*12.17pm Mr Ó hOisín left the meeting.*

*12.20pm Mr Ó hOisín rejoined the meeting.*

*12.22pm Ms Hanna left the meeting.*

## **10. Water and Sewerage Services Bill – Consideration of Committee Amendments**

*12.44pm The following official joined the meeting*

- *Ms Aoibhinn Treanor, Bill Clerk, Northern Ireland Assembly*

The Committee received a briefing from the Bill Clerk and considered amendments.

Agreed: Committee to contact Richard Kirk, Institute of Civil Engineers, to ask for his opinion on the amendments.

12.44pm      *Mr McNarry left the meeting.*

## **11. European Matters**

Members noted the EU Matters Update.

## **12. Any Other Business**

### **Date Of The Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 21 October 2015 at 10:00am in the Board Room at Londonderry Port & Harbour Office.

12.59pm      *The meeting was adjourned.*

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**Mr Trevor Clarke MLA**  
**Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development**  
**21/10/15**