



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2015
ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

Present:

Mr Trevor Clarke MLA (Chairperson)
Mr John Dallat MLA
Ms Brenda Hale MLA
Ms Claire Hanna MLA
Mr Chris Lyttle MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA
Mr David McNarry MLA
Mr Adrian Cochrane-Watson MLA

In attendance:

Mr Kevin Pelan (Clerk)
Ms Kate McCullough (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Ms Christine Dodson (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Barry McLernon (Clerical Officer)

The meeting commenced in open session at 10.05am

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Mr Lynch and Mr McAleer

2. CHAIRPERSON'S BUSINESS

Members noted the correspondence received from the Chairperson of the Transport Committee at the House of Commons regarding TEN-T.

Members considered the briefing by the Department to the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson in respect of Sustainable Drainage Systems

Agreed: The Committee agreed to visit the two sites identified by the Department who are implementing soft sustainable drainage systems.

3. DRAFT MINUTES: MEETING OF 18 NOVEMBER 2015

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting on 18 November 2015.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted and considered the correspondence received.

Agreed: Members agreed to seek clarification from the Department as to what plans are in operation while there is no signage on the 20MPH speed limit.

5. INQUIRY INTO COMMITTEE PRIMARY LEGISLATION ON THE CONSUMER COUNCIL – WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

Members considered the research briefing paper from the Research and Information Services on *Powers of the Consumer Council in Relation to Transport* and a written submission from Consumer Council NI to the Committee's call for evidence.

10.10am Mrs Hale joined the meeting

Agreed: The Committee agreed to cease its inquiry into providing the Consumer Council with additional statutory power in relation to transport.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to consider the draft Memorandum of Understanding and Service Level Agreement between the Department and the Consumer Council at its meeting on 2 December 2015.

6. DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFING – SAVING DELIVERY PLAN 2014-2015

10.18am Officials joined the meeting

Members received a departmental briefing on the Saving Delivery Plan 2014-2015 from Mr John McNeill, Director of Finance and Mr Stewart Barnes, Head of Financial Planning and Management Branch.

10.24am Mr Lyttle joined the meeting

10.35am Mr Dallat left the meeting

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10.40am Mr Cochrane-Watson joined the meeting

Agreed: Members agreed to ask the Department for a breakdown of the cost for legal advice in pursuit of £40m from the Harbour Commission and further cost of legal advice in pursuing £20m.

10.49am Officials left the meeting

7. DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFING – NOVEMBER MONITORING

10.49am Officials joined the meeting

Members received a departmental briefing on the November monitoring from Mr John McNeill, Director of Finance, Mr Stewart Barnes, Head of Financial Planning and Management Branch and Mr John Irvine from Transport NI HQ Network Services.

Agreed: Members agreed to receive a briefing paper from the Department which sets out the plans and timescale to allocate funding to community transport and particularly to disability transport schemes.

11.30am Ms Hale left the meeting

11.17am Ms Hanna left the meeting

11.20am Mr Adrian Cochrane-Watson left the meeting

11.38am Officials left the meeting

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members noted the issue regarding taxis and parking would be raised at the next meeting.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 2 December 2015 at 10am in the Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

11.39am The Chairperson adjourned the meeting

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Mr Trevor Clarke MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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