



Northern Ireland Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 10 June 2014

Room 21, Parliament Buildings

- Present: Mr Alex Maskey MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Mickey Brady MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Ms Paula Bradley MLA
Mr Gregory Campbell MLA
Mr Michael Copeland MLA
Mrs Dolores Kelly MLA
Mr Fra McCann MLA
- In Attendance: Dr Kevin Pelan (Assembly Clerk)
Ms Claire McCanny (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mr Stephen Todd (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mr Stewart Kennedy (Clerical Supervisor)
- Apologies: Mr Jim Allister MLA
Mr Trevor Clarke MLA
Mr Stewart Dickson MLA
Mr Sammy Wilson MLA

The meeting began in closed session at 12.13pm.

1. Apologies

Apologies were as noted above.

2. NIHE Planned Maintenance Contracts Negotiations

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Social Development, expressing its disappointment at the delay in the approval of the agreement reached between the NIHE and contractors in respect of alleged overpayments; and inviting him to brief the Committee on this issue.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to issue a Press Release to the same effect.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister of Finance and Personnel to inform him of the content of the letter to the Minister for Social Development given the role of the Department of Finance and Personnel in the approval process.

3. Timetable for Committee Inquiry

The Committee discussed the proposed timetable for the Committee Inquiry.

4. Committee Inquiry into allegations, arising from a BBC NI ‘Spotlight’ programme aired on 3 July 2013, of impropriety or irregularity relating to NIHE-managed contracts and consideration of any resulting actions – Review of Evidence for Phase 1

Agreed: The Committee agreed to review evidence relating to Phase 1 in closed session at an additional Committee meeting on Tuesday 17 June.

The Committee discussed its earlier decision not to produce interim reports on the Inquiry.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to review this decision, as a substantive agenda item, at the meeting of 17 June.

5. Date, time and place of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Committee for Social Development will take place on Tuesday 17 June in the Senate Chamber.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1.07pm.

Alex Maskey
Chairperson, Committee for Social Development

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