



# Northern Ireland Assembly

## COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**THURSDAY 15 May 2014**  
**Room 29, 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  
Mr Stewart Dickson MLA  
Ms Dolores Kelly MLA  
Mr Fra McCann MLA

In Attendance: Dr Kevin Pelan (Assembly Clerk)  
Mr Stephen Orme (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Mr Stephen Todd (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Mr Stewart Kennedy (Clerical Supervisor)  
Miss Allison Ferguson (Clerical Officer)

Apologies: Mr Jim Allister MLA  
Mr Trevor Clarke MLA  
Mr Sammy Wilson MLA

The meeting opened to the public at 10.00 am.

#### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were as noted above.

#### **2. Draft Minutes**

*Agreed:* The draft minutes of the meeting held on 8 May were agreed.

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

There was no Chairperson's Business.

### **4. Matters Arising**

4.1 The Chairperson informed Members that the Licensing of Pavement Cafés Bill, having passed the Assembly on 7 April, received Royal Assent on 12 May and has now become the Licensing of Pavement Cafés Act.

4.2 *Agreed:* The Committee agreed to cancel the meeting scheduled for 19 May.

### **5. NIHE Modernisation Programme – Briefing from Housing Executive Officials**

The following officials joined the meeting at 10.05 am:

- Mr Donald Hoodless, Chairperson NIHE
- Ms Mags Lightbody, Interim Chief Executive NIHE
- Mr Gerry Flynn, Director of Housing & Regeneration NIHE

The officials briefed the Committee on the progress of the Modernisation Programme – 'Journey to Excellence'.

*Gregory Campbell MLA joined the meeting at 10.17 am.*

The officials then took questions from members.

Members broadly welcomed the aspiration and vision underpinning the 'Journey to Excellence' programme and acknowledged the commitment of staff and NIHE management to achieve this.

The officials left the meeting at 11.23 am.

### **6. SR 133/2014 The Social Security (Habitual Residence) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014**

The Chairperson reminded members that the Committee had considered these Regulations on 20 March, when members voiced their concerns about the Regulations.

The Chairperson proposed the following motion to the Committee:

*'That the Committee for Social Development has considered the Statutory Rule SR 133/2014 The Social Security (Habitual Residence) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014, and recommends that it be annulled by the Assembly.'*

The Committee divided on the motion:

Ayes 6;  
Noes 2;  
Abstentions 0

**AYES:**

Mr Alex Maskey MLA (Chair)  
Mr Mickey Brady MLA (Deputy Chair)  
Mr Fra McCann MLA  
Ms Dolores Kelly MLA  
Mr Stewart Dickson MLA  
Mr Michael Copeland MLA

**NOES:**

Mr Gregory Campbell MLA  
Mrs Paula Bradley MLA

The motion passed.

Members noted that a motion for a prayer of annulment will be submitted to the Assembly Business Office in order to allow the scheduling of plenary debate on this motion before the end of the statutory period on 17 June 2014.

**7. Correspondence**

The Committee noted the correspondence as outlined in the correspondence memo.

**8. Forward Work Programme**

*Agreed:* The Committee was content with the Forward Work Programme as drafted.

**9. Any Other Business**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to schedule a briefing from NIHE on its stock transfer programme.

The next meeting of the Committee for Social Development will take place on Thursday 29 May 2014 at 10.00 am in Room 29, Parliament Buildings.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11.35 am.

**Alex Maskey**  
**Chairperson, Committee for Social Development**

**29 May 2014**