



Northern Ireland Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday 25 November 2014
Room 30, Parliament Buildings

Present: Mr Alex Maskey MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Mickey Brady MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Ms Paula Bradley MLA
Mr Jim Allister MLA
Mr Maurice Devenney MLA
Mr Stewart Dickson MLA
Mr Fra McCann MLA
Mr Sammy Wilson MLA

In Attendance: Dr Kevin Pelan (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Stephen Todd (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mr Stewart Kennedy (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Richard Reid (Clerical Officer)

Apologies: Mr Michael Copeland MLA

The Chairperson declared the meeting open to the public at 9.21am.

1. Apologies

Apologies were as noted above.

Paula Bradley MLA joined the meeting at 9.22am.

2. Matters Arising

2.1 The Chairperson noted that the Committee agreed to hold meetings on Tuesday 25 November, Tuesday 2 December and Tuesday 9 December to expedite the Committee's consideration of the Pensions Bill.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content for Committee staff to schedule briefings from stakeholders based on responses to the call for evidence and availability and to schedule additional briefings from the Department as required by Committee.

Sammy Wilson MLA joined the meeting at 9.27am.

3. Pensions Bill – Departmental Briefing

The following officials joined the meeting at 9.27am:

- Gerry McCann, Social Security Policy and Legislation Division, Department for Social Development
- Seamus Cassidy, Social Security Policy and Legislation Division, Department for Social Development
- Libby McIlwaine, Department for Social Development
- Doreen Ray, Department for Social Development

The officials briefed the Committee on the individual clauses of the Pensions Bill.

Jim Allister MLA joined the meeting at 9.31am.

The officials took questions from the Committee on the Pensions Bill.

Paula Bradley MLA left the meeting at 10.23am.

Jim Allister MLA left the meeting at 10.28am.

The officials left the meeting at 10.50am.

This session was recorded by Hansard.

4. Date, time and place of next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Social Development will take place on 27 November 2014 at 10.00am in Room 29, Parliament Buildings.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10.51am.

Alex Maskey

Chairperson, Committee for Social Development

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