



Northern Ireland Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 28 May 2015
Room 29, Parliament Buildings

- Present: Mr Alex Maskey MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Jim Allister MLA
Mr Roy Beggs MLA
Ms Paula Bradley MLA
Mr Gregory Campbell MLA
Mr Stewart Dickson MLA
Mr Sammy Douglas MLA
Mr Fra McCann MLA
Mr Sammy Wilson MLA
- In Attendance: Dr Kevin Pelan (Assembly Clerk)
Mrs Ashleigh Mitford (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mr Stewart Kennedy (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mr Richard Reid (Clerical Officer)
- Apologies: Mr Mickey Brady MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mrs Dolores Kelly MLA

The meeting commenced at 10:10 a.m.

The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson were absent and the Committee Clerk was in the chair.

Roy Beggs moved that Stewart Dickson do take the chair of the Committee.

Gregory Campbell seconded the motion.

There were no further nominations and Stewart Dickson took the chair at 10.11a.m.

1. Apologies

Apologies were noted as above.

2. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The draft minutes of the meetings held on 21 May 2015 were agreed.

3. Chairperson's Business

The Committee noted correspondence from the Speak Up project which is working with a group of young advisors who have experienced homelessness.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to informally meet the young advisors. The meeting will be scheduled for 1pm on 18 June 2015, in room 55 Parliament Buildings.

The Committee noted that the Minister for Social Development is expecting to attend the Committee meeting of 4 June 2015 to discuss the potential accelerated passage of the Pensions Schemes Bill.

The Committee noted an invitation from Carnegie UK Trust and School of Law, Queen's for the Chair and Deputy Chair to attend an event on Wednesday 10 June 2015. The Chair is unavailable and the Deputy Chair may not be available to attend the event.

Agreed: Members agreed to indicate to the Committee Office their availability to attend this event.

4. Matters Arising

The Committee noted that, following agreement on the Report on the Committee stage of Regeneration Bill today, the Committee amendments will be tabled with the Bill Office this afternoon.

5. June Monitoring Round – Departmental Briefing

The following Departmental officials joined the meeting at 10.15 a.m.

- Ian Snowden
- Deborah Brown

The Committee noted the Department's briefing paper.

The officials briefed the Committee on the June Monitoring Round.

10.21 a.m. Sammy Wilson joined the meeting.

The briefing was followed by questions from members.

10.29 a.m. Sammy Douglas joined the meeting

Agreed: The Committee would seek further information from the Department in relation to Social Housing targets.

The representatives left the meeting at 11:40a.m.

This session was recorded by Hansard.

10.41a.m. Alex Maskey joined the meeting and took the chair.

6. Regeneration Bill – Committee Report

The Committee noted its draft Report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Table of Contents of the Report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the List of Appendices of the Report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Recommendations of the Report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Introduction of the Report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Consideration of the Bill section of the Report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Clause-by-Clause Scrutiny section of the Report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Executive Summary of the Report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed a draft extract of Minutes of Proceedings for 28 May 2015 be included in the appendices of the Report as amended.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the Report be the 13th Report of the Committee for Social Development.

Agreed: The Committee ordered its Report to be printed.

7. SL1 The Occupational Pension Schemes (Power to Amend Schemes to Reflect Abolition of Contracting-out) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

Agreed: The Committee was content for the Rule to be made.

8. SR 256 The Charities (2013 Act) (Commencement No.1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

The Committee noted the Commencement Order.

9. Correspondence

9.1 The Committee considered correspondence from Kinship Care.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward the correspondence to the Department so that the SSA may address Kinship Care's concerns.

9.2 The Committee noted correspondence from The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association in relation to its concerns regarding the draft guidance on the licensing of pavement cafes. The Chairperson reminded the Committee that, on 14 May 2015, it sought a copy of the draft Guidance from the Department in response to similar concerns that were raised in correspondence from IMTAC.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to return to the issue as soon as the Department provides it with a copy of the draft guidance.

9.3 The Committee considered a correspondence memo.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to action all other correspondence as outlined on the correspondence memo.

10. Forward Work Programme

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme.

11. AOB

No items were raised.

12. Date, time and place of next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee for Social Development will take place on 4 June 2015 at 10:00am.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10.53 a.m.

Alex Maskey

Chairperson, Committee for Social Development

4 June 2015