



**Northern Ireland
Assembly**

AUDIT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**TUESDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY 2016
ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

Present: Mr David Hilditch (Deputy Chairperson in the Chair)
Ms Anna Lo

In Attendance: Mr Keith McBride (Assembly Clerk)
Mrs Hilary Cleland-Bogle (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Miss Alison Ferguson (Clerical Officer)

Apologies: Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson (Chairperson)
Mr Dominic Bradley

The meeting commenced at 10.35am in open session.

Chairperson's Introduction

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the meeting should be held in open session.

The Deputy Chairperson welcomed Members to the meeting.

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Declaration of Interests

The Deputy Chairperson reminded Members of their obligation to declare any relevant financial or other interests before and during each Committee meeting.

3. Draft minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2015

Agreed: The draft minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2015 were agreed by the Committee.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Consideration of the Draft NIAO Corporate Plan 2016-17 to 2018-19

Members noted the Clerk's Paper; the draft NIAO Corporate Plan 2016-17 to 2018-19; and correspondence from the Public Accounts Committee.

The Deputy Chairperson invited Mr Donnelly to brief the Committee on the draft Corporate Plan.

Following discussion the Deputy Chairperson asked Mr Donnelly and his colleagues to remain at the table for the next agenda item.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content to approve the draft Corporate Plan for 2016-2017 to 2018-2019.

6. NIAO Spring Supplementary Estimate 2015-16

Members noted the Clerk's Paper; and the NIAO Spring Supplementary Estimate 2015-16.

The Deputy Chairperson invited Mr Donnelly to brief the Committee on the NIAO Spring Supplementary Estimate 2015-16.

Following discussion the Deputy Chairperson thanked Mr Donnelly and his colleagues for attending the meeting.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the NIAO Spring Supplementary Estimate 2015-16

7. Correspondence

Members noted correspondence dated 8 January 2016 from the Minister of Finance and Personnel on the NIAO Budget 2016-17.

8. Any other business

Public Services Ombudsman Bill

Members noted correspondence dated 29th January from the Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister on the Public Services Ombudsman Bill.

9. Time, date and place of next meeting

Members noted that Committee staff will inform members of the time, date and place of the next meeting in due course.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11.09am.

Jo-Anne Dobson

Chairperson

Audit Committee

Dated: 08 March 2016