

AD HOC JOINT COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE MENTAL CAPACITY BILL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 8 June 2015
Room 30, Parliament Buildings

Present: Mr Alastair Ross MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Patsy McGlone MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mrs Pam Cameron MLA
Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson MLA
Mr Alex Easton MLA
Mr Tom Elliott MLA
Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA
Mr Raymond McCartney MLA
Ms Rosie McCorley MLA
Mr Edwin Poots MLA

Apologies: None

In Attendance: Dr Kathryn Aiken (Clerk)
Ms Sohui Yim (Assistant Clerk)
Ms Leanne Johnston (Clerical Supervisor)

The meeting commenced at 12.06pm in public session.

1. Apologies

Apologies are detailed above.

2. Chairperson's Business

The Chairperson advised Members that the Mental Capacity Bill will be introduced to the Assembly today and outlined the statement that he will make to the Assembly on the Bill during second stage of the Bill, which is scheduled for 16 June 2015.

The Chairperson suggested to Members that a briefing session with Daniel Greenberg on the Bill may be useful to the Committee's consideration of the Bill.

Agreed: To schedule this session before the formal Committee meeting on 7 September 2015.

3. Draft minutes

The minutes of the Committee meeting on Monday, 1 June 2015 were agreed.

4. Background Papers

The Committee noted papers including a Clerk's memo, the draft Bill, the draft Explanatory and Financial Memorandum, and the consultation summary report.

5. Draft Mental Capacity Bill – Briefing by Departmental Officials

The Committee heard evidence from:

Lisa Trueman Mental Capacity Bill Team, DHSSPS

Alison McCaffrey Mental Capacity Bill Team, DHSSPS

Raymond McCartney and Rosie McCorley joined the meeting at 12.11pm.

Alex Easton left the meeting at 12.12pm.

Tom Elliott joined the meeting at 12.14pm.

Patsy McGlone left the meeting at 12.20pm.

A question and answer session ensued.

Edwin Poots joined the meeting at 12.41pm.

Jo-Anne Dobson left the meeting at 12.45pm.

The Chairperson thanked the officials for attending.

6. Forward Work Programme

Members noted the forward work programme.

7. Correspondence

Members noted the following item of correspondence:

- I. Correspondence from the Law Society of Northern Ireland regarding an event it is hosting on the Bill on Wednesday, 10 June 2015 from 9am -11.30am in Room 115.

8. Any Other Business

None.

9. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be on Monday, 15 June 2015 at 12pm in Room 30, Parliament Buildings.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12.59pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____