



COMMITTEE FOR THE ECONOMY

RECORD OF DECISIONS

2 DECEMBER 2020

This Record of Decisions was made under:

Assembly Standing Order 115. Temporary provision for statutory committees

(1) This Standing Order contains temporary provisions relating to committees established under Standing Order 48, and supersedes paragraphs (3) - (6) of Standing Order 46 and paragraphs (5) and (7) of Standing Order 49.

(8) A committee may agree to make decisions (including a decision not to meet) without meeting.

The Committee for the Economy agreed that decisions on business items not addressed, due to time constraints, at its meeting on 2nd December 2020 would be dealt with via email correspondence.

(9) This paragraph applies where a committee has agreed, or proposes to make, a decision without meeting:

a) Before a decision is to be taken, the chairperson must:

(i) inform members of the subject matter of the decision;

(ii) provide members with such supporting information as the chairperson considers relevant;

(iii) allow a reasonable time for members to consider the subject matter and supporting information; and

seek consensus among members on the decision.

This Record of Decisions is made with reference to paragraphs (9) and (12) above and below.

(12) A general record of the proceedings of a committee shall be maintained by the Committee Clerk.

AGREEMENT WAS RECEIVED BY CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Dr Caoímhe Archibald (Chairperson)
Ms Sinéad McLaughlin (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Gordon Dunne MBE
Mr Gary Middleton
Mr John O'Dowd
Mr Christopher Stalford
Mr John Stewart
Mr Stewart Dickson
Ms Claire Sugden

5. Matters Arising

Noted: Members noted a response from the Minister providing clarification for the criteria for Bus and Tour Operators to apply for Part B of the CRBSS.

Noted: Members noted a response from the Minister of Finance regarding the TUI dispute around the extension of the furlough scheme.

Noted: Members noted a response from the Department regarding Project Stratum.

Agreed: Members agreed to arrange an informal meeting with Firbus Networks on their deployment plan.

Noted: Members noted a response from the Department to queries from the Infrastructure Committee regarding Wayleave agreements.

Agreed: to forward the response onto the Infrastructure Committee.

Noted: Members noted a response from the Department regarding the Student Hardship fund.

Noted: Members noted a response from the NI Audit Office regarding support from Invest NI to the Bradley Group.

Noted: Members noted a response from the VC of QUB regarding Covid-19 and information gathering.

Noted: Members noted a response from the Minister regarding the cost of trading post-Brexit transition.

Noted: Members noted a response from the Minister regarding VAT payable on second hand cars sourced from the UK post 31st December 2020.

Noted: Members noted a response from the Department regarding a briefing on the Transition of Young People into Careers (14-19) Project.

Agreed: to arrange a briefing with both Economy and Education officials in the new year.

6. Correspondence

Noted: Members noted correspondence from the Minister regarding an update on transition requirements for remaining revised articles with an October 2020 transposition deadline.

Noted: Members noted correspondence from EnerChem Solutions regarding a meeting request to discuss their EnerChem Green Energy Project.

Agreed: to arrange an informal meeting with EnerChem Solutions.

Noted: Members noted correspondence from Future Screens NI regarding a meeting request with the Committee.

Agreed: to arrange an informal meeting with Future Screens NI.

Noted: Members noted correspondence from the Money and Pensions Service.

Noted: Members noted correspondence from an individual regarding Covid-19 in universities.

Noted: Members noted the thirty-first Report of the Examiner of Statutory Rules 2019-2020.

Noted: Members noted the statement by the Minister for Finance regarding the Procurement Board.

Noted: Members noted correspondence from the Committee for Justice regarding the Criminal Justice (Committal Reform) Bill.

Agreed: to canvas stakeholders and bring back responses for Members consideration.

Noted: Members noted correspondence from the Committee for Communities regarding the Voucher Scheme.

Noted: Members noted correspondence from the Centre for Advanced Sustainable Energy requesting to brief the Committee regarding research on the sustainable energy space.

Agreed: to arrange an informal meeting with CASE.

Noted: Members noted correspondence from ExcludedNI in relation to NI Councils.

Agreed: to write to the Minister to endorse an investigation of the potential to use an appeals portal and committee.

Noted: Members noted the latest ISNI Investing activity report.

Noted: Members noted the thirty-second Report of the Examiner of Statutory Rules 2019-2020.

7.Any Other Business

There were no items of business,

13. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will take place on Wednesday 9th December 2020 in Room 29, Parliament Buildings at 10am.

ENDS

Approved by the Chairperson via correspondence

Dr Caoímhe Archibald
Chairperson
Committee for the Economy

Date: 9th December 2020