



## COMMITTEE FOR THE ECONOMY

### RECORD OF DECISIONS

27 JANUARY 2021

*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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 for Finance regarding the ring-fencing of Covid-19 funds.

*Noted:* Members noted correspondence from Excluded NI regarding proposals for the Covid-19 underspend.

*Agreed:* the Committee agreed to forward this correspondence to the Department for comment with the Committee's endorsement.

*Noted:* Members noted correspondence from the FSB regarding 'click and collect' services.

*Noted:* Members noted correspondence from Retail NI regarding their meeting with the Executive in relation to 'click and collect' services for Northern Ireland retailers.

*Noted:* Members noted a response from the University of Ulster regarding the cost of diplomas and part-time degrees.

*Noted:* Members noted a response from Queen's University regarding a flight chartered to bring students from China.

**6. Correspondence**

*Noted:* Members noted a research report from Which? on what matters to consumers in Northern Ireland regarding future trade deals and the Northern Ireland Protocol.

*Noted:* Members noted the Twentieth Report of the Examiner of Statutory Rules 2020 – 2021.

*Noted:* Members noted correspondence from the Clerk to the Finance Committee to the DfE DALO regarding Covid-19 Business Schemes.

*Noted:* Members noted a briefing paper from the CEF regarding the January draft budget.

*Noted:* Members noted correspondence from an Individual regarding the Reasonable Adjustments for BTEC Level 5 Courses and how this is affecting their grades.

*Agreed:* the Committee agreed to forward this correspondence to Belfast MET and the Department for urgent comment.

*Noted:* Members noted correspondence from Hillmount Garden Centre about the current economic climate and the effects of the UK exit from the EU.

*Agreed:* the Committee agreed to forward the correspondence to the Department and the Secretary of State for urgent comment.

*Noted:* Members noted correspondence from a UU Students Union Representative regarding the difference in University 'life' between the previous academic year and the current one.

*Agreed:* the Committee agreed to forward this correspondence to Ulster University and the Department for urgent comment

*ENDS*

*Approved by the Chairperson via correspondence*

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**Dr Caoímhe Archibald**  
**Chairperson**  
**Committee for the Economy**

**Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021**