



**Northern Ireland
Assembly**

COMMITTEE FOR THE ECONOMY

RECORD OF DECISIONS

21 APRIL 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 21st April 2021 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 Mervyn Storey
Mr Gary Middleton
Mr John O'Dowd
Mr Christopher Stalford
Mr John Stewart
Mr Stewart Dickson
Ms Claire Sugden

7. Correspondence

Noted: Members noted a response from the Department for the Economy to the Communities Committee regarding the bid to host the FIFA World Cup in 2030

Noted: Members noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance providing further details and an update on the Presbyterian Mutual Society insolvency process.

Noted: Members noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance regarding a response it received from the Economy Minister on Covid-19 Support Schemes.

Noted: Members noted correspondence from 'Let's Go Hydro' requesting the reopening of their drive-in cinema.

Agreed: to forward to the Executive Office to seek clarity as to when a business such as this will be permitted to re-open.

Noted: Members noted a copy of the CBI Covid-19 Working Group notes for 14 April 2021.

Noted: Members noted a copy of the Statement by the Finance Minister to the Assembly on Further Funding Allocations.

Noted: Members noted correspondence from the Health Committee to the Department regarding the reclassification of a business from close-contact to non-essential retail.

Noted: Members noted correspondence from the owner of a static caravan regarding financial losses during Covid-19 and issues regarding financial support to caravan site owners.

Agreed: to forward to the Department for comment on the issues raised.

Noted: Members noted correspondence from an individual regarding support for the English Language Teaching Sector which is suggested has not had access to any financial support aside from furlough.

Agreed: to forward to the Department for comment on the issues raised.

ENDS

Approved by the Chairperson via correspondence

Dr Caoímhe Archibald
Chairperson
Committee for the Economy

Date: 28th April 2021