



COMMITTEE FOR THE ECONOMY

RECORD OF DECISIONS

1 JULY 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 1st July 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
Ms Claire Sugden

6. Matters Arising

Agreed: Members considered a Departmental response on dental practices during the COVID-19 situation and agreed to forward the response to the British Dental Association.

Agreed: Members considered a Departmental response on neonatal leave and pay and agreed to forward this response to Bliss and Tiny life.

Agreed: Members considered a Departmental response on additional monies and the June Monitoring Round and agreed to forward this response to the NUS-USI.

Agreed: Members considered a Departmental response on the EU Emissions Trading Scheme and agreed to forward this response to the AERA Committee.

Agreed: Members considered the terms of reference for the FE Advisory and Oversight Group and agreed highlight to the Minister and the Department the need for Students Union representation on the FE advisory and oversight group.

Noted: Members noted a response from Treasury on grant funding for businesses in regards to the Protocol.

Noted: Members noted a Departmental paper on June Monitoring outcome.

Noted: Members noted a Ministerial response on issues raised during the FE briefing.

Agreed: Members considered a Ministerial response on the micro business hardship fund and agreed to ask the Department for a written update when available.

Noted: Members noted a Ministerial response on Thompson Aero Seating.

Noted: Members noted a copy of a Ministerial response to Jim Allister MLA on the non-domestic- RHI scheme.

Noted: Members noted correspondence from the Minister to the Westminster Migration Advisory Committee on the shortage occupation list.

Noted: Members noted a response from the Minister of Finance on financial support for businesses.

Noted: Members noted a statement by the Finance Minister regarding provisional outturn and June Monitoring.

Noted: Members noted correspondence from the Finance Committee on the road haulage, taxi industry and transport sector.

Noted: Members noted correspondence from the Committee to the Minister on the supported employment sector.

7. Written Briefings from Higher Education Bodies on Student Number Controls on English-Domiciled Students

Noted: Members noted submissions from Queen's University Belfast, Ulster University, St Mary's University College and Stranmillis University College.

8. Correspondence

Agreed: Members views were already ascertained on Monday and a response sent to the Finance Committee, as requested by that Committee due to the tight turnaround.

Noted: Members noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance regarding provision for companies with multiple owned sites.

Noted: Members noted correspondence from the Committee for Education regarding training and employment for disabled young people.

Noted: Members noted correspondence from the Committee for Education regarding the House of Lords International Agreements Subcommittee inquiry into UK/US Trade Negotiations.

Noted: Members noted the Fourteenth Report of the Examiner of Statutory.

Agreed: Members considered correspondence from the British Heart Foundation concerning the threat to research investment and agreed to forward to the Department for comment.

Noted: Members noted correspondence from Upskill Enterprise highlighting their work.

Agreed: Members considered correspondence from the Sea Fish Industry Training Association NI on the impact of COVID19 and agreed to forward to the Department for comment.

Agreed: Members considered correspondence from Ping Group, a local cargo company, on the impact of COVID19 and agreed to forward to the Department for comment.

Agreed: Members considered correspondence from the Finance Committee on that Committee forwarding information to the Ulster University Economic Policy Centre and agreed to receive a briefing from the Economic Policy Centre on 15th July.

Noted: Members noted the Belfast Chamber of Commerce's 15 point plan to rebuild.

Noted: Members noted the latest investment activity report.

Agreed: Members considered correspondence from an individual on loss of jobs at Titanic Belfast and agreed to forward to the Department for an urgent response on the matter.

Agreed: Members considered correspondence from Diabetes UK NI on better protection for workers with diabetes and agreed to forward to the Department for an urgent response on the matter.

Noted: Members noted a Retail NI planned promotional activity at Parliament Buildings.

ENDS

Approved by the Chairperson via correspondence

Dr Caoímhe Archibald
Chairperson
Committee for the Economy

Date: 3rd July 2020