



## COMMITTEE FOR THE ECONOMY

### RECORD OF DECISIONS

15 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 did not have a decision-making quorum when it met on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and outstanding business items were 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

**5. Minutes**

*Agreed:* the Committee agreed the Minutes from 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

**6. Matters Arising**

*Noted:* Members noted a letter from the Minister for the Economy to the Committee for Communities on the Supported Employment Sector.

*Noted:* Members noted a Departmental response on the Energy Strategy working group membership.

*Noted:* Members noted a Departmental response on the NIRHI scheme.

*Noted:* Members noted a press statement from the Ulster University on admissions for September.

**6. Legislation: SR 2020/136 The Industrial Training Levy (Construction Industry) Order (Northern Ireland) 2020**

*Agreed:* the Committee, subject to the Examiner of Statutory Rules Report, has no objection to the Rule.

**7. Legislation: SI 2020/689 The European Union (Regulated Professions Proportionality Assessment) Regulations 2020**

*Noted:* the Committee noted the SI.

**7. Written Briefing: Labour Relations Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2019-2020**

*Noted:* Members noted the Annual report and Accounts.

**8. Correspondence:**

*Noted:* Members noted correspondence from the Committee for Infrastructure on a regional minerals working group.

*Noted:* Members noted correspondence from the Department for Finance on the July Economic Statement.

*Noted:* Members noted the Sixteenth Report of the Examiner of Statutory Rules 2019 – 2020.

*Noted:* Members noted correspondence from the Heart Foundation regarding the importance of the Life Science Charity Research Fund.

*Noted:* Members noted correspondence from Hospitality Ulster on the reopening of non-food pubs.

*Agreed:* Members considered correspondence from a managing director of a business on the grant scheme and agreed to follow up with the Department asking for an urgent response.

*Noted:* Members noted a copy of correspondence from a parent directed to the Minister regarding the model used by Queen’s University to make offers to students.

*Noted:* Members noted a copy of correspondence from Robin Graham, Chair of the NI Dental Practice Committee, to the Executive Office.

*Noted:* the Committee noted the House of Commons Northern Ireland Affairs Committee’s Report on its Inquiry: “Unfettered Access: Customs Arrangements in NI after Brexit”.

*ENDS*

*Approved by the Chairperson via correspondence*

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

**Date: 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020**