



Northern Ireland
Assembly

**COMMITTEE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

WEDNESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2020

THE SENATE CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Ms Michelle McIlveen MLA (Chairperson)
Mr David Hilditch MLA (Deputy-Chairperson)
Mr Roy Beggs MLA
Mr Cathal Boylan MLA
Mr Keith Buchanan MLA
Mrs Dolores Kelly MLA
Ms Liz Kimmins MLA
Mr Andrew Muir MLA

Apologies: Mr Raymond McCartney MLA

In Attendance: Mrs Cathie White (Assembly Clerk)
Mrs Alison Ross (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Vincent Gribbin (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mr Johnny Lawless (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Bill Kinnear (Clerical Officer)

The meeting commenced in open session at 10:02 am.

1. Apologies

As above.

The Committee noted that Raymond McCartney has announced his resignation from the Assembly and will no longer be a member of the Committee.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to Mr McCartney thanking him for his work on the Committee and wishing him well.

2. Chairpersons Business

The Chairperson noted the Committee attendance at the launch of the Translink Hydrogen Bus and visit to the Boucher Road MOT Test Centre on Wednesday 29 January 2020.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule a visit to Wrightbus in the Forward Work Programme.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Chief Executive of the Driver Vehicle Agency thanking him and his staff for hosting the visit to the Test Centre.

3. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28 January 2020.

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Correspondence

- Correspondence from Queen's University Belfast offering a briefing on UK Withdrawal from the European Union, Statutory Instruments and devolved competence.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- The Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland Delivery Tracking System - Investing Activity Report for the Department for Infrastructure for January 2020.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence and request information from the Department on the number of projects where EU funding was promised, how much has been paid and will the UK Government honour the differences.

- Correspondence from a member of the public regarding coastal roads, heavy traffic, tourism and the greenway in the Warrenpoint area.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence and refer the individual to their local MLA's.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to revisit the issue raised in the correspondence when it visits Warrenpoint Port in the future.

- Correspondence from the Community Transport Association UK congratulating the Chairperson on her appointment and requesting to brief the Committee.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule a briefing in the Forward Work Programme.

6. Ministerial Briefing – First Day Brief

The Minister and Departmental officials joined the meeting at 10:12 am

Ms Nichola Mallon, Minister for Infrastructure
Mrs Katrina Godfrey, Permanent Secretary, Department for Infrastructure

The Minister and Departmental officials provided the Committee with an overview of the work of the Department.

Agreed: The Minister agreed to provide information on the North West and East link roads in Armagh.

Agreed: The Minister agreed to provide the Committee with further information on the Integrated Community Transport Project, Dungannon.

Agreed: The Minister agreed to write to the Committee to provide details of her legislative programme.

The Minister and Departmental officials left the meeting at 11:40 am

The Committee agree to suspend at 11:40am.

The Committee resumed at 11:50am.

7. Briefing from the Driver & Vehicle Agency

The Chief Executive of the Driver & Vehicle Agency and Departmental official joined the meeting at 11:50 am

Mr Paul Duffy, Chief Executive, Driver & Vehicle Agency
Ms Julie Thompson, Deputy Secretary of Planning, Water & DVA, Department for Infrastructure

The officials provided the Committee with an update on the current position of the Driver & Vehicle Agency.

Agreed: The officials agreed to provide the Committee with further information on the

MOT Test Centre planned for Hydebank, Belfast.

The Chief Executive of the Driver & Vehicle Agency and Departmental official left the meeting at 1:01 pm

8. Departmental Briefing – SR 2017-34 (C.3) The Roads (Miscellaneous Provisions) (2010 Act) (Commencement No. 10 Order (Northern Ireland) 2017

The Departmental officials joined the meeting at 1:02 pm

Mrs Deirdre Gallagher, Transport & Legislation Branch
Mr Stephen Hughes, Head of Traffic & Engineering Policy

The Departmental officials provided the Committee with further information on SR 2017-34 (C.3) The Roads (Miscellaneous Provisions) (2010 Act) (Commencement No. 10 Order (Northern Ireland) 2017

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the Statutory Rule.

The Departmental officials left the meeting at 1:15 pm.

9. Subordinate Legislation – Consideration of the Examiner for Statutory Rules Report

The Committee considered the Examiner for Statutory Rules Report.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the Examiner for Statutory Rules Report.

10. Forward Work Programme

The Committee considered the Draft Forward Work Programme.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the Committee forward work programme as amended.

11. Any Other Business

Agreed: The Committee agreed to request an update on the Statutory Rule regarding the Transfer of Functions Order to transfer the Reservoirs Act to the Department.

12. Date, Time and Place of next meeting

The Committee noted that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 12 February 2020, at 10:00 am in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

The Committee adjourned at 1:20 pm

Ms Michelle McIlveen MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Infrastructure

12 February 2020