



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Committee for the Economy

Draft Minutes of Proceedings

Wednesday 30 September 2026

Meeting Location: Room 30, Parliament Buildings

Present: Mr Phillip Brett MLA (Chairperson)
Ms Diane Forsythe MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr David Honeyford MLA
Mr Declan Kearney MLA
Mr Peter Martin MLA
Mr Mike Nesbitt MLA
Ms Kate Nicholl MLA

Present by video-conferencing:

Ms Sinéad McLaughlin MLA
Mr Pádraig Delargy MLA

Apologies: None

In Attendance: Peter McCallion (Assembly Clerk)
Michael Greig (Senior Assistant Assembly Clerk)

Katie McMaster (Assistant Assembly Clerk)

Karen O'Hare (Clerical Supervisor)

Sarah Dowd (Clerical Officer)

Angela Kelly (Examiner of Statutory Rules) - item 9 only

The meeting commenced in open session at 10:01am.

1. Apologies

Apologies were as indicated above.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Chairperson's Business

3.1 KESS

The Chairperson advised Members that he had been invited to give the opening remarks as Chairperson of the Economy Committee at two Knowledge Exchange Seminar Series (KESS) events. The first in respect of: Resilient Workforces in Northern Ireland and the second in respect of: Small Scale Renewable Energy in Northern Ireland.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content for the Chairperson to contribute as requested to both events, diary permitting.

4. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the Economy Committee meeting of 23 September 2026.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

6. LCM Sporting Events Bill

Noted: The Committee noted Departmental correspondence in respect of the Westminster Sporting Events Bill and the associated Legislative Consent Memorandum laid by the Department.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it is content to consider a draft report in respect of the LCM on 7 October 2026.

Proceedings continued in closed session from 11:10am.