



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

# Committee for The Executive Office

## Minutes of Proceedings

**Wednesday 3 July 2024**

**Meeting Location:** Room 21, Parliament Buildings

**Present:**

Ms Paula Bradshaw MLA (Chairperson)

Ms Connie Egan MLA (Deputy Chairperson)

Mr Harry Harvey MLA

Mr Brian Kingston MLA

**Present by Video or Teleconference:**

Ms Sinéad McLaughlin MLA

Ms Carál Ní Chuilín MLA

**Apologies:**

Mr Pádraig Delargy MLA

Ms Emma Sheerin MLA

Ms Claire Sugden MLA

**In Attendance:**

Mr Keith McBride (Assembly Clerk)

Mr Tom Armstrong (Assistant Assembly Clerk)

Ms Andrienne Magee (Clerical Supervisor)

Mr Stephen McGlennon (Clerical Officer)

*The meeting commenced at 2.03pm in open session*

**1. Apologies**

As above.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Oral Evidence Session – TEO Permanent Secretary – Departmental Oral Briefing**

*The witnesses joined the meeting at 2.03pm*

*Sinéad McLaughlin MLA joined the meeting at 2.04pm*

Members received a briefing from:

- David Malcolm, Permanent Secretary, The Executive Office
- Gareth Johnston, Deputy Secretary, The Executive Office

The witnesses provided the Committee with an overview of the Department's priorities and its work to date.

The oral evidence was followed by a question and answer session.

**Agreed:** Departmental Officials agreed to provide the Committee with further detail on funding for T:BUC, including the geographical spread of allocations.

The Chairperson thanked the witnesses for their attendance.

*The witnesses left the meeting at 2.56pm*

#### **4. Chairperson's Business**

There was no Chairperson's Business.

#### **5. Draft Minutes**

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 26 June 2024.

#### **6. Matters Arising**

There were no Matters Arising.

#### **7. Draft Forward Work Programme**

Members considered the draft forward work programme.

**Agreed:** Members agreed that they were content to proceed with the briefings as set out in the work programme.

#### **8. Correspondence**

- i. The Committee noted the summary of Committee correspondence.
- ii. The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance on the Monthly Outturn for April and May 2024.
- iii. The Committee noted correspondence from the Victims & Survivors Service stating that they have been officially credited with the Silver "Trauma Informed: Working with Trauma Quality" Mark.

- iv. The Committee considered correspondence from the Executive Office on the review of the Race Relations (NI) Order 1997.
- v. The Committee noted the Twentieth Report of the Examiner of Statutory Rules.
- vi. The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Justice on a possible joint Committee event for the Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission.
- vii. The Committee noted a letter from an individual regarding the Executive Office's consultation into Mother and Baby Institutions, Magdalene Laundries and Workhouses.
- viii. The Committee noted the Investment Strategy Northern Ireland Investing Activity report.

## **9. Any Other Business**

None.

## **10. Date, Time and Place of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 September 2024 at 2:00pm in Room 30, Parliament Buildings.

*The meeting was adjourned at 2.59pm*

**Paula Bradshaw MLA**

**Chairperson, Committee for the Executive Office**