Committee for The Executive Office

Minutes of Proceedings

Tuesday 22 October 2024

Meeting Location: Room 29, Parliament Buildings

Present:

Ms Paula Bradshaw MLA (Chairperson)

Ms Connie Egan MLA (Deputy Chairperson)

Mr Timothy Gaston MLA

Mr Harry Harvey MLA

Mr Brian Kingston MLA

Ms Sinéad McLaughlin MLA

Ms Carál Ní Chuilín MLA

Ms Emma Sheerin MLA

Ms Claire Sugden MLA

In Attendance:

Mr Michael Potter (Assembly Clerk)

Mr Tom Armstrong (Assistant Assembly Clerk)

Mr Michael McClelland (Clerical Supervisor)

Ms Andrienne Magee (Clerical Officer)

The meeting commenced at 9.47am in closed session

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Legal Advice – Oral Briefing

The witness joined the meeting at 9:48am

Members received a briefing from:

- Rebecca Ellis, Legal Services

The witness provided the Committee with an overview of Legal Advice on inviting the First Minister, deputy First Minister and junior Ministers to the Committee.

Emma Sheerin MLA joined the meeting at 9:52am

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

The Chairperson thanked the witness for their attendance.

The witness left the meeting at 10.06am.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that they would not share the legal advice with the First Minister and deputy First Minister

Agreed: The Committee agreed that they would reiterate their invitation to the First Minister, deputy First Minister and junior Ministers to attend the Committee on 23 October 2024.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that, should the First Minister, deputy First Minister and junior Ministers accept their invitation, the other panels scheduled for 23 October would be postponed.

4.   Any Other Business

There was no other business.

5.   Date, Time and Place of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 23 October 2024 at 2:00pm in Room 29, Parliament Buildings.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11am.

Paula Bradshaw MLA

Chairperson, Committee for the Executive Office