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Assembly

## **Committee for Infrastructure**

### **Minutes of Proceedings**

**17 April 2024**

**Meeting Location:** Room 29, Parliament Buildings

**Present:**

- Mrs Deborah Erskine MLA (Chairperson)
- Mr John Stewart MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
- Mr Danny Baker MLA
- Mr Cathal Boylan MLA
- Mr Patrick Brown MLA
- Mr Keith Buchanan MLA
- Mr Stephen Dunne MLA
- Mr Mark Durkan MLA
- Mr Peter McReynolds MLA

**Apologies:** None

**In Attendance:**

- Mr Jim McManus (Assembly Clerk)
- Mr Philip Pateman (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
- Mr Jonathan Lawless (Clerical Supervisor)
- Mr William Kinnear (Clerical Officer)



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The meeting commenced at 10:04 am in public session.

### **Apologies**

1. As above.

### **Declaration of Interests**

- 2.

The Chairperson reminded members of their responsibilities under Standing Order 69(5) that all Assembly Members are required to register any relevant financial and other interests in the Register of Members' Interests and the requirement to declare, at various times, any relevant financial or other interests which relate to the work of any committee of which they are a member.

- 3.

### **Chairperson's Business**

The Chairperson informed members that an invitation had been received from Translink to attend the reopening of the York Street train station in Belfast and had been circulated to members for information.

4. The Chairperson indicated that it was her intention to attend and encouraged members to notify Committee staff should they wish to attend so that appropriate arrangements can be made with Translink.

### **Draft Minutes**

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 10 April 2024.



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### Matters Arising

5. None.

### Correspondence

6.

Correspondence from Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) in response to issues highlighted by the Committee relating to the rising costs of motor insurance.

**Agreed:** To commission research from the Assembly Research and Information Service (RalSe) to compare the availability, costs and key issues associated with motor insurance between Northern Ireland and other jurisdictions.

Correspondence from the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) in response to issues highlighted by the Committee relating to the rising costs of motor insurance.

**Agreed:** To seek further detail from the FCA on rules introduced in 2022 aimed at tackling loyalty penalties and to request details, when available, of the key outputs of discussions with the Association of British Insurers (ABI) and the British Insurance Brokers Association (BIBA) to improve access to insurance in Northern Ireland.

Correspondence from Translink responding to Committee request for additional information on the Northern Ireland Concessionary fares scheme, Strategic Rail Review and Phase 2 of the rollout of the Belfast Rapid Transit (The Glider).

**Agreed:** To consider as part of the strategic planning meeting.

Correspondence from The Gathering regarding Planning in Northern Ireland: Northern Ireland Audit Office and Public Accounts Committee Reports – Written Evidence.

**Agreed:** To consider as part of any further action in relation to the Public Accounts Committee Report.

The Committee noted the Seventh Report of the Examiner of Statutory Rules.



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The Committee noted the response from the Minister for Infrastructure to issues arising from the Committee meeting on 20 March 2024.

**Agreed:** All of the suggested actions in the correspondence memo.

### **Forward Work Programme**

7.

The Committee considered the Draft Forward Work Programme.

**Agreed:** To update the draft Forward Work Programme to reflect any decisions taken today.

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### **Any Other Business.**

None.

18.

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

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 24 April 2024 at 10:00 am in Room 29, Parliament Buildings.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 am.

**Mrs Deborah Erskine MLA**  
**Chairperson, Committee for Infrastructure**  
**24 April 2024**