



**COMMITTEE FOR EMPLOYMENT AND LEARNING  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2014**

**MELLON COUNTRY HOTEL, OMAGH**

Present: Mr Robin Swann MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Thomas Buchanan MLA (Deputy Chairperson)

Mr Sydney Anderson MLA  
Mr David Hilditch MLA  
Ms Anna Lo MLA  
Mr Fra McCann MLA  
Ms Bronwyn McGahan MLA  
Mr Pat Ramsey MLA

In Attendance: Mrs Cathie White (Assembly Clerk)  
Mr Vincent Gribbin (Assistant Clerk)  
Mr Johnny Lawless (Clerical Supervisor)  
Ms Noreen Hayward (Clerical Officer)

Apologies: Mr Phil Flanagan MLA  
Mr William Irwin MLA

*The meeting opened in public session at 12:46 pm.*

**1. Apologies**

Apologies are detailed above.

## **2. Inquiry into Post Special Educational Need Provision in education, employment and training for those with Learning Disabilities in Northern Ireland**

*12.46 pm The evidence session began.*

The Chairperson thanked the witnesses for their attendance and for their participation in that morning's evidence event.

- The Committee received evidence on the issue of The choice and availability of educational courses in Further Education and vocational training.
- The Committee received evidence on the issue of Increased opportunities to work.
- The Committee received evidence on the issue of Accessing community leisure facilities.
- The Committee received evidence on the issue of Future roles of Health and Social Care day centres and day opportunities.
- The Committee received evidence on the issue of Co-ordination of post-school services for individuals.
- The Committee received evidence on the issue of Co-ordination of services within a locality.

Evidence was given by attendees and was recorded by Hansard: attendees at the event are listed at the addendum.

*1.03 pm Mr Ramsey left the meeting.*

*1.37 pm Mr Hilditch left the meeting.*

*1:45 pm The evidence session came to a close.*

## **3. Any other business**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to schedule an informal meeting with the Northern Ireland Community and Voluntary Sector regarding the Budget 2015-16 at 9.30 am on 10 December 2014.

#### **4. Date, time and place of next meeting**

The Committee noted that the next meeting should be held on Wednesday 10 December 2014 at 10.00 am in Room 29 Parliament Buildings.

*1:47 pm The Chairperson adjourned the meeting.*

**Mr Robin Swann MLA**  
**Chairperson, Committee for Employment & Learning**

**10 December 2014**

## **Addendum to Minutes of Proceedings for 3 December 2014**

### **Stakeholders who attended the event:**

Mrs Alison Anderson, Curriculum Centre Manager for Supported Learning, Belfast Metropolitan College

Ms Roisin Barrett, Transition Co-Ordinator, Springvale Learning

Mrs Anne Bradley, Student Support, North West Regional College

Mrs Elaine Bradley, Assistant Head of School Access to Education, South Eastern Regional College

Ms Kathryn Bryson, Vocational Manager, Springvale Learning

Ms Clare Close, Carer, Praxis Care

Ms Donna Crothers, Further Education Policy and Strategy Branch, Department for Employment and Learning

Mr Liam Devine, Managing Director, Clanrye Group

Ms Sharon Frazer, Deputy Head of School Early Years & Health Care, Southern Regional College

Mrs Sonya Hall, Volunteer, Post 19 Lobby Group

Mrs Elizabeth Hawthorne, Volunteer, Post 19 Lobby Group

Mrs Elaine Henning, Moving Up Co-Ordinator, Praxis Care

Mrs Julie Jamieson, Volunteer, Post 19 Lobby Group

Ms Paula Jordan, Principal, Sperrinview Special School

Ms Christina Kelly, Careers Service, Department for Employment and Learning

Ms Geraldine Lavery, Head of School for Health & Social Care, North West Regional College

Ms Claire Linney, Consultation Co-Ordinator, Dungannon Borough Council

Mrs Joan McCaffrey, Parent, Post 19 Lobby Group

Mrs Catherine McCrory, Disability Co-Ordinator, Dungannon Borough Council

Ms Bronagh McKeown, Head of Physical & Sensory Disability Support Services, Southern Health and Social Care Trust

Mr Charlie McKeown, Principal lecturer Client Services, North West Regional College

Ms Donna Millar, Lecturer, South West College

Mr Tony O'Reilly, Policy Officer, Equality Commission for Northern Ireland

Mr Terry Park, Head of Disability Employment Service, Department for Employment and Learning

Mr Ian Patterson, Programme Co-Ordinator for Towards Work and Independence, Belfast Metropolitan College

Ms Cathy Rafferty, Lecturer, South West College

Ms Sharon Rivers, Head of School Community Education & Life Skills, Belfast Metropolitan College

Mr Daniel Rooney, Head of School Access to Education, South Eastern Regional College

Mrs Mary Shannon, Transition Co-Ordinator for Children with Disability, Southern Health and Social Care Trust

Mrs Ruth Walker, Vice-Principal, Sperrinview Special School