



Northern Ireland
Assembly

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

WEDNESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2016

ROOM 29, PARLAIMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Mr Thomas Buchanan MLA (Deputy Chairperson)

Mr Sydney Anderson MLA
Mr Gerard Diver MLA
Mr Alex Easton MLA
Ms Anna Lo MLA
Ms Bronwyn McGahan MLA
Mr Fra McCann MLA

In Attendance: Mrs Cathie White (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Johnny Lawless (Clerical Supervisor)
Ms Briege Mullan (Clerical Officer)
Ms Amy Barr (Legislative Studies & Practice Student)

Apologies: Mr Robin Swann (Chairperson)
Mr Phil Flanagan MLA
Mr David Hilditch MLA
Ms Claire Sugden MLA

10:15 am The meeting opened in public session.

1. Apologies

Apologies are detailed above.

2. Chairperson's Business

- The Deputy Chairperson advised the Members that the Supported Learning Showcase Event for Belfast Metropolitan College and North West Regional College sponsored by the Committee took place on Tuesday 2 February 2016.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2016

Agreed: The minutes of the meeting on 27 January 2016 were agreed.

4. Matters arising

- The Committee noted a list of matters arising from the meeting on 27 January 2016.

10:18 am Mr Sydney Anderson joined the meeting.

- The Committee considered Departmental correspondence regarding Committee amendments that have been tabled to the Employment Bill.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to table redrafted amendments.

5. Correspondence

The Committee considered the following items of correspondence:

- Correspondence from the Northern Ireland Assembly EU Affairs Manager providing a copy of the EU Matters Newsletter Issue 01/2016.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Correspondence from the Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister regarding the Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015.

Agreed: The Committee agreed it is content with the response the Committee previously made and agreed to note the correspondence

- Invitation to the Action Mental Health Summit.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the invitation.

- Invitation from the Chinese Consulate to a celebration of the Chinese New Year.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the invitation.

6. Forward Work Programme

- The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme to 16 March 2016.

7. SR 2016-000 The Working Time Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

The Committee considered SR 2016-000 The Working Time Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.

Agreed: The Committee was content with the proposal.

8. Briefing from the Employment Support and Training Agency

10:22 am The representatives joined the meeting.

The Committee was briefed by Mr Adam Harbinson, Director of Strategic Planning, Employment Support Training Agency and Mrs Gillian Winters, Executive Director, Employment Support Training Agency.

10:33 am Mr Alex Easton joined the meeting.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

11:09 am The representatives left the meeting.

9. Briefing from the NEET Youth Forum

11:10 am The representatives joined the meeting.

The Committee was briefed by Mrs Anne-Marie McClure, Chief Executive Officer, Start 360, Ms Jen Cole, Youth Participation Worker, NEET Youth Forum, Mr Aaron McCormick, Youth Engagement Worker, NEET Youth Forum and Ms Ciara Gaffney, Youth Engagement Worker, NEET Youth Forum.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

11:24 am Ms Anna Lo left the meeting.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department seeking clarification from the Department on how the core funding will be provided to the NEET Youth Forum from 2016-2017 and onwards.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward a copy of the presentation paper to the Department for information and comment.

11:52 am The representatives left the meeting.

10. Any other business

- The Chairperson advised Members that the draft Report on the Committee Inquiry into Special Education Need Provision will be considered at next week's meeting.

11. Date, time and place of next meeting

The Committee noted that the next meeting should be held on Wednesday, 10 February 2016 at 10.00 am in Room 29, Parliament Buildings.

11:53 am The Chairperson adjourned the meeting.

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

10 February 2016