



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

## **COMMITTEE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, 29 JUNE 2016**

**THE SENATE CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

Present: Mr William Humphrey (Chairperson)

Ms Kellie Armstrong MLA  
Mr Alex Easton MLA  
Mr Paul Girvan MLA  
Mr Declan McAleer MLA  
Mr Eamonn McCann MLA  
Mr Fra McCann MLA  
Mr Daniel McCrossan MLA  
Mr Justin McNulty MLA  
Mrs Jenny Palmer MLA

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

Apologies: Mr George Robinson MLA (Deputy Chairperson)

*10:00 am The meeting opened in public session.*

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies are detailed above.

### **2. Chairpersons Business**

- The Committee discussed arrangements for dealing with Committee issues during the Summer Recess.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson would submit views on releasing or withholding information in any non-routine or contentious Freedom of Information requests during the Recess period and that they would advise the Committee of any such requests at the first meeting back in September.

### **3. Minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2016**

*Agreed:* The minutes of the meeting on 22 June 2016 were agreed.

*10:02 am Mr Eamonn McCann joined the meeting.*

### **4. Matters Arising**

None.

### **5. SL1 - The Donaghadee (Harbour Area) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

The Committee considered The Donaghadee (Harbour Area) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

*10:04 am Mr Justin McNulty joined the meeting.*

### **6. SL1 - The Fortwilliam Parade, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

The Committee considered SL1 - The Fortwilliam Parade, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

### **7. SL1 - The Rann Road/Annacloy Road, Downpatrick (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

The Committee considered The Rann Road/Annacloy Road, Downpatrick (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

**8. SL1 - The Gilpinstown Road, (U1401), Lurgan (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

The Committee considered The Gilpinstown Road, (U1401), Lurgan (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

**9. SL1 - The Railways (Safety Management) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016**

The Committee considered The Railways (Safety Management) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

**10. SL1 - Amendments to the Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seatbelts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993**

The Committee considered Amendments to the Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seatbelts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to request a Departmental briefing on the Statutory Rule when it is laid in the Assembly.

**11. SL1 - The Roads Speed (Limit) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

**12. SL1 - The Roads (Speed Limit) (No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

**13. SL1 - The Parking Places (Disabled Persons' Vehicles) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

**14. SL1 - The Prohibition of U-Turn (A3 Northway, Portadown) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

**15. SL1 - The Parking Places, Loading Bays and Waiting Restrictions (Portadown) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

**16. SL1 - The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Banbridge) (Amendment No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

**17. SL1 - The One-Way Traffic (Ballyclare) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

**18. SL1 - The Prohibition of Waiting (Schools) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

**19. SL1 - The Waiting Restrictions (Templepatrick) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

**20. SL1 - The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Londonderry) (Amendment No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

**21. SL1 - The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Carrickfergus) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

**22. SL1 - The One-Way Traffic (Omagh) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

**23. SL1 - The Cycle Routes (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

**24. SL1 - The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Dungannon) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

**25. SL1 - The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Lurgan) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

**26. SL1 - The Waiting Restrictions (Lambeg) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content to note the proposal for the Statutory Rule.

**27. Briefing from Northern Ireland Water**

*10:08 am The officials joined the meeting.*

The Committee was briefed by Ms Sara Venning, Chief Executive, Mr Ronan Larkin, Director of Finance and Regulation and Mr Sean McAleese, Director of Customer Services.

*10:12 am Mr Alex Easton joined the meeting.*

*10:17 am Mr Daniel McCrossan joined the meeting*

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

*Agreed:* The officials agreed to provide an update briefing on the Renewables Strategy.

*Agreed:* The officials agreed to provide the Committee with the elected Representatives Hotline number.

*11:17 am Mr Alex Easton left the meeting.*

*11:19 am The officials left the meeting.*

## **28. Departmental Briefing – Transport**

*11:20 am The Departmental officials joined the meeting.*

The Committee was briefed by Mr John McGrath, Deputy Secretary, Ms Liz Loughran, Director of Road Safety Vehicle and Regulation, Mr Ciaran Doran, Director, Public Transport Services Division and Mr Garry McKenna, Transport Policy, Strategy & Legislation.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

*Ms Kellie Armstrong declared an interest as a past Director of the Community Transport Association.*

*Agreed:* The Departmental officials agreed to provide the Committee with an update on the roll out of the Cycling Strategy.

*Agreed:* The Departmental officials agreed to provide the Committee with information on the ratio of spending on roads in comparison with rail, the ratio of spending on roads and public transport as a whole and a comparison of spending on these with the United Kingdom.

*Agreed:* The Departmental officials agreed to provide the Committee with details on Transport projects that are going forward and are reliant on EU funding.

*11:55 am The Departmental officials left the meeting.*

## **29. Briefing from the Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company**

*11:55 am The officials joined the meeting.*

The Committee was briefed by Mr Chris Conway, Chief Executive and Mr Paddy Anderson, Chief Financial Officer.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

*12:15 pm Mr Daniel McCrossan left the meeting.*

*12:15 pm Mr William Humphrey left the meeting.*

*12:15 am Ms Kellie Armstrong took the Chair.*

*12:18 pm Mr William Humphrey re-joined the meeting*

*12:26 pm Mr Fra McCann left the meeting.*

*12:34 pm Mr Paul Girvan left the meeting.*

*12:40 pm Mr Justin McNulty left the meeting.*

*12:42 pm The officials left the meeting.*

### **30. Correspondence**

- Departmental correspondence providing a quarterly progress report on the Belfast Rapid Transit Project.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Departmental response to correspondence from the Belfast Private Hire Coalition.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the response and forward it the Private Hire Coalition for information.

- Correspondence from Committee for the Executive Office providing a Delivery for Social Change Update.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Ministerial correspondence giving notice of his intention to make an oral statement on the Rural Roads Initiative.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Correspondence from the Committee for the Executive Office providing the Programme for Government 2016-2021 Timetable.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Departmental response to Committee correspondence regarding claims made against the Department for vehicle damage.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department requesting that it provides details of the cost of the claims.

- Departmental response to Committee correspondence regarding a briefing paper from Assembly Research and Information Service.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the response and forward it to the Research Officer for comment at the Strategic Planning Day.

- Correspondence from the Committee for Finance regarding The Budget Process Timescales.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department requesting details budgetary baseline position, its pressures, spending priorities, any proposed efficiencies and linkages to the Programme for Government.

- Departmental correspondence providing notification on the mutual recognition of professional qualifications.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Departmental correspondence regarding the appointment of Non-Executive Directors to the Warrenpoint Harbour Authority.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Correspondence from Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland providing the Department for Infrastructure Investing Activity Report for June 2016.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Departmental response to Committee correspondence regarding the re-introduction of freight by rail in Northern Ireland.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the response.

- Ministerial correspondence providing a copy of the oral statement on the Rural Roads Initiative.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

- Ministerial response to Committee correspondence regarding the removal of permitted development rights for the exploration of oil and gas.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to note the response.

### **31. Draft Forward Work Programme**

The Committee considered the draft Forward Work Programme for Autumn 2016.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content to schedule these briefings.

### **32. Any Other Business**

None.



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

The Committee noted that it will be holding its strategic planning day on Wednesday 7 September at Duncrue Heritage Centre, Northern Ireland Water, Duncrue St, Belfast at 10:00 am.

The Committee noted that the next meeting should be held on Wednesday, 14 September 2016 at 10:00 am in The Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

*12:46 pm The Chairperson adjourned the meeting.*

**Mr William Humphrey MLA**  
**Chairperson, Committee for Infrastructure**

**14 September 2016**