



**COMMITTEE FOR THE OFFICE OF THE FIRST MINISTER AND DEPUTY
FIRST MINISTER
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2013
ROOM 30, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

Present: Mr Mike Nesbitt (Chairperson)
Mr Chris Lyttle (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Alex Attwood
Mr Leslie Cree
Mr Stephen Moutray
Mr George Robinson
Mr Jimmy Spratt

Apologies: Miss Megan Fearon
Mrs Brenda Hale
Ms Bronwyn McGahan

In Attendance: Mrs Shauna Mageean (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Keith McBride (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mr Stephen Magee (Clerical Supervisor)
Mrs Marion Johnson (Clerical Officer)

The meeting began at 1.53 pm in public session

1. Apologies

As detailed above.

2. Chairperson's Business

Delivering Social Change Signature Programme Event

The Committee noted information and an agenda in relation to the Committee round table event on Delivering Social Change Signature Programmes.

Simon Community

The Committee noted an invitation to the Chairperson to attend an event by the Simon Community on Wednesday 27 November 2013.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the Chairperson would send his apologies to the Simon Community as the event is at the same time as the Committee's weekly meeting.

Committee for Employment and Learning

The Committee noted an invitation from the Committee for Employment and Learning to attend a Higher Education Showcase Event on Tuesday 19 November 2013.

Private Members Bill

The Committee noted an invitation to the launch of a Private Members Bill for Rates Relief for Amateur Sports Clubs on Thursday 21 November 2013.

Current Invitations

The Committee noted the list of current invitations.

3. Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2013

Agreed: The draft minutes of the proceedings of the 23 October 2013 were agreed by the Committee.

4. Matters Arising

Internet Safety for Children

The Committee noted a response from the Department providing further information in relation to internet safety for children.

Racial Equality Strategy

The Committee noted a response from the Department providing further information on the timeline for the production and implementation of a Racial Equality Strategy.

Victims and Survivors Service

The Committee noted a response from the Victims and Survivors Service providing further information on the cost of collating the data presented to the Committee on 23 October 2013 and the timeframe for application to payment of the Financial Assistance Scheme.

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

The Committee noted a copy of the UK Government's draft Report on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Committee agreed to consider this further when junior Ministers brief the Committee on 27 November 2013.

List of Outstanding Issues

The Committee considered the list of outstanding issues.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the Chairperson would speak to the First Minister and the deputy First Minister to discuss the delays in responding and the cancellation of Departmental briefings.

5. Correspondence

Delivering Social Change Signature Programmes

The Committee noted a paper from the Department of Education providing further information on the Signature Projects within its remit.

Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward a response from the Department, in relation to Derry City Council and the UK City of Culture, to the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment.

Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure

The Committee noted a copy of a response from the Department to the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure in relation to the use of the Maze/Long Kesh and Shackleton sites.

Committee for Finance and Personnel

The Committee noted a copy of a response from the Department to the Committee for Finance and Personnel in relation to the Public Services Pensions Bill.

Investing Activity Report - October

The Committee noted a copy of October's Investment Strategy Investing Activity Report.

Commission for Victim and Survivors Annual report

The Committee noted a copy of the Commission for Victims and Survivors Annual Report and Accounts for 2012/13.

6. Forward Work Programme

The Committee considered the Forward Work Programme.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to request that the Departmental briefing on the Programme for Government be taken on the 4 December 2013 and the Departmental briefing on the Victims and Survivors Programme Board be taken on 11 December 2013.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to schedule in a briefing from the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission on its annual statement in the New Year.

7. Any Other Business

None

8. Date, Time and Location of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday 20 November 2013, in Room 30, Parliament Buildings.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2.09 p.m.

Mr Mike Nesbitt MLA

Chairperson,

Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister