

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2014
ROOM 29, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Ms Michaela Boyle (Chairperson)
Mr Roy Beggs
Mr Trevor Clarke
Mr Phil Flanagan
Mr Paul Girvan
Mr Adrian McQuillan

In Attendance: Ms Lucia Wilson (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Jack Peel (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mrs Danielle Saunders (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Darren Weir (Clerical Officer)

Apologies: Mr John Dallat (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Ross Hussey
Mr Alex Easton

2.22pm The meeting began in public session

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from the Deputy Chairperson, Mr Hussey and Mr Easton.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 19 November 2014

Agreed: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

3. Correspondence

Correspondence from Dr Malcolm McKibbin Head of Northern Ireland Civil Service

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson would meet with Dr Malcolm McKibbin at a time that was mutually convenient.

4. Matters Arising

Correspondence from NIAO re Presbyterian Mutual Society

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence from NIAO and to write to Mr McKeown to notify him of the contents of the correspondence.

2.24pm Meeting went into closed session

6. Inquiry into Primary Care Prescribing – Preparation Session

The Committee received briefing from the C&AG and NIAO Officials on the Inquiry into Primary Care Prescribing.

Agreed: Members discussed areas of questioning for the evidence session to be held on 3rd December. Members agreed those areas which they wanted to focus their questioning on.

2.50pm Mr Girvan left the meeting

*2.56pm Mr McQuillan left the meeting
The Committee lost its decision-making quorum. In the absence of a decision-making quorum proceedings continued in line with Standing Order 49(5).*

5. Briefing on NIAO Draft Corporate Plan 2015-16 – 2017-18

The Committee received briefing from the C&AG and Richard Emerson on the NIAO Draft Corporate Plan.

7. Inquiry into Northern Ireland Trust Statement 2012-13 – Correspondence

Item deferred

8. Inquiry into Northern Ireland Trust Statement 2012-13 – Consideration of Draft Report

Item deferred

9. Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

9. Date, time and place of next meeting

Members were advised that the next meeting of the Committee will take place on Wednesday 3 December 2014 at 2.00pm in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

3.31pm *The meeting was adjourned*

Ms Michaela Boyle
Chairperson, Public Accounts Committee