

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2015
ROOM 29, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Mr John Dallat (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Roy Beggs
Mr Trevor Clarke
Mr Alex Easton
Mr Paul Girvan
Mr Sean Rogers

In Attendance: Mrs Cathie White (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Jack Peel (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mrs Danielle Saunders (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Darren Weir (Clerical Officer)

Apologies: Ms Michaela Boyle (Chairperson)
Mr Phil Flanagan
Mr Ross Hussey
Mr Adrian McQuillan

2.00pm The meeting began in open session

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from the Chairperson, Mr Flanagan, Mr Hussey and Mr McQuillan.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 29 April 2015

Agreed: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

3. Correspondence

Correspondence from the Committee for Finance & Personnel re NICS absence report

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence.

Correspondence received from Easa re NIHE tender

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence. They also agreed to write to Easa requesting a copy of any response to their letter which they receive from the Housing Executive.

4. Matters Arising

There were no new matters arising

5. Memorandum of Response Update on the report into Account NI

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the update on the Memorandum of Response on the report into Account NI.

6. Memorandum of Response on the report into Primary Care Prescribing

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department concerning their response to PAC Recommendation 2. They agreed to ask the Department to fully implement their recommendation by publishing benchmarking data that was broken down by GP practice to enable GP practices to compare against each other and identify areas where improvement is needed.

The Committee agreed to note the Memorandum of Response and to request an update in 12 months' time.

2.14pm The meeting moved into closed session

2.15pm Mr Rogers joined the meeting

7. Inquiry into DRD: the effectiveness of public transport in NI – Issues Paper

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the C&AG should go ahead and prepare the first draft of the DRD: effectiveness of Public Transport in NI report.

8. Inquiry into the Bytel Project – Correspondence

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the correspondence from Bytel and to consider it when preparing their report.

9. Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

10. Date, time and place of next meeting

Members were advised that the next meeting of the Committee would be at 2pm on Wednesday 20th May in Room 29, Parliament Buildings.

2.41pm The meeting adjourned.

Mr John Dallat

Deputy Chairperson, Public Accounts Committee