PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2015, ROOM 29, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Ms Michaela Boyle (Chairperson)

Mr John Dallat (Deputy Chairperson)

Mr Roy Beggs Mr Trevor Clarke Mr Paul Girvan Ms Claire Hanna Mr Conor Murphy Mr Jim Wells

In Attendance: Ms Lucia Wilson (Assembly Clerk)

Mrs Karen Barry (Assistant Assembly Clerk)

Mrs Danielle Saunders (Clerical Supervisor) Mr Darren Weir (Clerical Officer)

Apologies: Mr Phil Flanagan

Mr Ross Hussey

2.07pm The meeting began in open session.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Flanagan and Mr Hussey.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 18 November 2015

Agreed: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

There were no new matters arising.

4. Correspondence

There was no new correspondence.

5. Inquiry into Bioscience and Technology Institute – Memorandum of Reply update

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the update on the Memorandum of Reply on the report into Bioscience and Technology Institute

- 2.11pm Claire Hanna left the meeting
- 2.12pm Claire Hanne re-joined the meeting
- 2.19pm The meeting moved into closed session.

6. Inquiry into Health and Social Care Sector Report 2012-13 & 2013-14 – Consideration of draft report

Agreed: The Committee considered its draft report on the above inquiry.

Main Body of Report:

Paragraphs 1 and 2 Read and Agreed
Paragraphs 3-5 Read and Agreed
Recommendation 1 Read and Agreed
Paragraph 6 Read and Agreed
Recommendation 2 Read and Agreed

Recommendation 3 Read, Amended and Agreed Paragraph 7 Read, Amended and Agreed

Recommendation 4 Read and Agreed Paragraphs 8-10 Read and Agreed Recommendation 5 Read and Agreed Paragraph 11 Read and Agreed Recommendation 6 Read and Agreed Read and Agreed Paragraph 12 Recommendation 7 Read and Agreed Paragraphs 14 and 15 Read and Agreed Recommendation 8 Read and Agreed Paragraphs 16 and 17 Read and Agreed Recommendation 9 Read and Agreed Paragraphs 18 and 19 Read and Agreed Recommendation 10 Read and Agreed Paragraph 20 Read and Agreed Recommendation 11 Read and Agreed Paragraph 21 Read and Agreed

Recommendation 12 Read, Amended and Agreed

Paragraph 22 Read and Agreed

Recommendation 13 Read, Amended and Agreed

Executive Summary:

Paragraphs 1-6 Read and Agreed

Summary of Recommendations:

Recommendations 1-13 Read, Amended and Agreed

2.34pm: John Dallat left the meeting 2.38pm: John Dallat re-joined the meeting

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes, minutes of evidence and correspondence to be included as appendices to the report.

Agreed: The Committee ordered the report as amended to be printed

Agreed: The Committee agreed the report to be launched on Wednesday 20 January 2015 and for a press release to be brought before the Committee on Wednesday 9 December 2015.

Mr Wells ask the Committee to note that he did not take part in any of the findings of the above report

7. Forward Work Programme January to March 2016

Agreed: The Members agreed to hold its evidence session for Land Disposals in NIHE on 20th January 2016.

Agreed: The Members agreed that a second inquiry on 'Invest to Save' would be included in the final work programme.

Agreed: The Members agreed the forward work programme from January to March 2016.

8. Any Other Business

November Take Note Debate

Agreed: The Members discussed the Take Note Debate scheduled for Monday 30th November and agreed on final allocation of topics.

9. Date, time and place of next meeting

Members were informed that the next meeting of the Committee would be at 2.00pm on Wednesday 2 December in Room 29, Parliament Buildings.

3.10pm The meeting adjourned.

Ms Michaela Boyle (Chairperson) Chairperson, Public Accounts Committee