

## **COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURES**

### **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2016  
ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

Present: Mr Gordon Lyons MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Steven Agnew MLA  
Mrs Rosemary Barton MLA  
Mr Tom Buchanan MLA  
Mr Fra McCann MLA  
Mr Barry McElduff MLA  
Mr Conor Murphy MLA  
Mr Mervyn Storey MLA

In attendance: Ciara McKay (Clerk)  
Neil Currie (Assistant Clerk)  
Alex Carter (Clerical Officer)

Apologies: Mr Edwin Poots MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Chris Lyttle MLA  
Mr Colin McGrath MLA

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to meet in closed session.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to consider agenda item 5 (Correspondence) and agenda item 6 (Forward Work Programme) after agenda item 3 (Matters Arising).

**1.18pm** The meeting began in closed session.

#### **1. Apologies**

The apologies are noted above.

#### **2. Draft minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016**

*Agreed:* Members agreed the draft minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016.

### **3. Matters arising**

The Committee noted a letter from the Speaker, as Chair of the Business Committee, in relation to membership of the Business Committee.

**1.20pm** Mr McElduff MLA joined the meeting.

**1.21pm** Mr Agnew MLA joined the meeting.

### **4. Correspondence**

The Committee considered correspondence from the Speaker in relation to the Standing Orders on Legislative Consent Motions.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that the Clerk should prepare a briefing paper for the meeting scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017, setting out the process in the other devolved legislatures.

The Committee noted a press release in relation to the launch of an app called SUSSD.

### **5. Forward Work Programme**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed its Forward Work Programme.

The Chairperson asked Members to remind their party Whips about responding to the Committee's request for views on the proposed annual debate on the Executive legislative timetable, and the review of Private Members' Bills.

### **6. Review of provisions for Standing Orders as set out in the Assembly and Executive Reform (Assembly Opposition) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016**

The Committee commenced its consideration of the written responses from its stakeholders on its discussion paper.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to meet again on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 12.30pm in order to continue its consideration of the responses.

### **7. Any other Business**

There was no other business.

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

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee would take place on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 12.30pm in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

**1.35pm** The Chairperson adjourned the meeting.

**Gordon Lyons**

Chairperson, Committee on Procedures

14 December 2016