



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2012
ROOM 21

Present:

Mr Séan Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Stewart Dickson MLA
Mr Alex Easton MLA
Mrs Dolores Kelly MLA
Mr Declan McAleer MLA
Mr Ian McCrea MLA
Mr David McNarry MLA

In attendance:

Mr Paul Carlisle (Clerk to the Committee)
Mr Nathan McVeigh (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Ms Tara McKee (Clerical Supervisor)
Ms Alison Ferguson (Clerical Officer)

Apologies:

Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA (Chairperson)
Mr John Dallat MLA
Mr Ross Hussey MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

10.36am The meeting commenced in closed session

5. Water & Sewerage Services Amendment Bill

The Committee received a briefing and advice from the Bill Clerk Roisin Kelly.

10.39am Mr McNarry joined the meeting

10.44am The meeting commenced in open session

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Chairperson's Business

None.

3. Draft Minutes

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 28th November 2012.

4. Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department in relation to Translink Procurement Procedures.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department in relation to queries regarding the Utility Regulator Briefing.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department in relation to Mr McAlpine, Bachelors Walk, Lisburn.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department in relation to Transport NI.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department in relation to the Abercorn Bridge, Newtownstewart.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department in relation to high speed rail links in Northern Ireland.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department in relation to application Limavady Borough Council in regarding Motorways of the Sea and Marco Polo.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department in relation to delivering a prosperity process: opportunities in North/South public services.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Florence Herbert in relation to a Penalty Charge Notice and agreed to forward to the Department for comment.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the relating to Agenda Item 6 on Cost and Performance.

- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister regarding the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Review on the Balance of Competences and agreed to forward to the Department for comment.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for the Environment regarding the Drinking Water Inspectorate's 2011 Annual Report and agreed to forward to the Department for comment.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding NI Water equal pay.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding the Report on Strategic Review of Strangford Ferry.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding Magilligan to Greencastle ferry service – Discussions with Republic of Ireland.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding Magilligan to Greencastle ferry service – Revision of Roads Order to allow subvention.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding flooding on 27th and 28th June 2012.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Timo Gedlich asking for copies of a Departmental presentation and agreed to forward the presentations to Mr Gedlich.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety regarding the Inquiry into the Better Use of Public and Community Sector Funds for the Delivery of Bus Transport Options.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding the Engage with Age briefing.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust regarding the Inquiry into the Better Use of Public and Community Sector Funds for the Delivery of Bus Transport Options.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust regarding the Inquiry into the Better Use of Public and Community Sector Funds for the Delivery of Bus Transport Options.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Omagh District Council regarding Shop Mobility.

10.42am *Mr Easton joined the meeting*

6. Utility Regulator Briefing: Cost & Performance Report

10.48am *The following Officials joined the meeting:*

Shane Lynch – Chief Executive

Jo Aston – Director of Water Regulation

The Officials presented to the Committee in respect of the above. Following the presentation, Members put questions.

11.17am *Mr Easton left the meeting*

11.22am *Mr Easton rejoined the meeting*

11.30am *Mr McNarry left the meeting*

11.32am *The Officials left the meeting*

7. Translink Briefing: Health and Safety

11.33am *The following Officials joined the meeting:*

Ciaran Rogan – Marketing Executive

Philip O'Neill – Chief Operating Officer

Granville Lavin – Group Safety, Health and Environment Manager

The Officials presented to the Committee in respect of the above. Following the presentation, Members put questions.

11.44am *Mr Dickson left the meeting*

11.48am *Mr Dickson rejoined the meeting*

11.54am *Mr McNarry rejoined the meeting*

12.00pm *Mr Easton left the meeting*

12.06pm *Mrs Kelly left the meeting*

12.13pm *The Officials left the meeting*

8. Forward Work Programme

Members noted the forward work programme for December – January. Members were advised of the proposed dates to receive briefings from stakeholders on the Water & Sewerage Services Amendment Bill and the Inquiry into the Better Use of Public and Community Sector Funds for the Delivery of Bus Transport Options.

9. Any Other Business

NONE.

10. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 12th December 2012 at 9.00am in the Adelaide Tran Facility.

12.15pm *The meeting was adjourned*

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Mr Sean Lynch MLA
Deputy Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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