



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

**COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2013  
ROOM 21**

**Present:**

Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr John Dallat MLA  
Mr Stewart Dickson MLA  
Mr Alex Easton MLA  
Mr Ross Hussey MLA  
Mr Declan McAleer MLA  
Mr Ian McCrea MLA  
Mr David McNarry MLA

**In attendance:**

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

**Apologies:**

Mrs Dolores Kelly MLA  
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

*10:32am      The meeting commenced in open session.*

**1. Apologies**

As above.

**2. Chairperson's Business**

The Chairperson informed Members that they had been provided with information regarding the Translink 2012 accounts and a draft Committee press release on the matter.

*10:34am Mr Hussey joined the meeting*

*10:48am Mr McAleer joined the meeting*

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to issue the press release, subject to agreed amendments.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department with a number of queries arising from the information on Translink's 2012 accounts.

### **3. Draft Minutes**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

### **4. Correspondence**

Members noted the correspondence received.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding the Dungannon Integrated Transport Pilot Scheme.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from IMTAC regarding the provision of accessible parking.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding the temporary closure of the A2 road between Benone and Downhill and agreed to forward to Ms Paula Glendinning for information.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development to the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment regarding Third Sector Mapping.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for the Environment regarding road safety in rural areas and agreed to forward to the Department for comment.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted an Assembly Research paper on Public Transport Contracts and agreed to introduce as evidence to the Inquiry into Comprehensive Transport Delivery Structures.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department regarding Savings Delivery Plans.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Northern Ireland Audit Office requesting briefing papers and agreed to forward a copy of the papers for information.

## **5. Department for Regional Development Briefing: Proposed New Contract for Translink**

*11:00am The following officials joined the meeting*

Sean Johnston – Programme Manager Public Transport Reform, DRD

David Strain – Deputy Principal Public Transport Reform, DRD

Anne Breen – Project Manager Public Transport Reform, DRD

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

*11:46am Mr McCrea left the meeting*

*11:50am Mr Dickson left the meeting*

*11:51am Mr Easton joined the meeting*

*11:55am Mr Dickson re-joined the meeting*

*11:56am Mr McNarry left the meeting*

*12:00pm Mr Lynch left the meeting*

*12:01pm Mr McNarry re-joined the meeting*

*12:05pm Mr Lynch re-joined the meeting*

*12:13pm The officials left the meeting*

## **6. Department for Regional Development Briefing: Blue Badge Scheme**

*12:14pm The following officials joined the meeting*

David Millar – Head of Roads Service Lands and Legislation Unit, DRD

Matthew Alford – Land and Legislation Unit, DRD

Stephen Hughes – Traffic Management Policy, DRD

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

*12:24pm Mr McCrea re-joined the meeting*

12:50pm      *Mr Dallat left the meeting*

12:50pm      *Mr Hussey left the meeting*

12:52pm      *Mr Lynch left the meeting*

1:00pm        *Mr McAleer left the meeting*

1:01pm        *The officials left the meeting*

#### **7. SR 2013/127: The Disposal of Vehicles (Prescribed Period) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013**

*Agreed:*        That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2013/127: The Disposal of Vehicles (Prescribed Period) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 and has no objection to the rule.

#### **8. Any Other Business**

#### **9. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 10:30am in Room 21.

1:02pm        *The meeting was adjourned*

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**Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA**  
**Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development**  
**12/06/13**