



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2013
ROOM 21

Present:

Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Joe Byrne MLA
Mr Alex Easton MLA
Mrs Brenda Hale MLA
Mr Ross Hussey MLA
Mr Declan McAleer MLA
Mr Kieran McCarthy 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:

Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr John Dallat MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

10:08am 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 13th November 2013.

4. Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding the recruitment competition for NI Water Chief Executive.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development to Roads Service and NI Water regarding their plans to deal with severe winter weather in rural communities.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment regarding Green Investment Bank and agreed to forward to the Department for comment.

Agreed: The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding public information events on Belfast Rapid Transit.

10:12am Mr McCarthy left the meeting

5. Irish Football Association Briefing: National Football Stadium Redevelopment Project

10:12am The following representatives joined the meeting

Patrick Nelson – Chief Executive Officer, IFA

Dr Les Caul – Chairman, IFA

Geoff Patterson – Project Sponsor, IFA

Mark Haslett – Hamilton Architects

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

Mr Spratt declared an interest as an MLA of the South Belfast constituency

10:26am Mr McAleer joined the meeting

10:29am Mrs Hale joined the meeting

10:41am Mr Hussey left the meeting

10:50am The representatives left the meeting

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to ask if there are any plans to rejuvenate the footbridge between Northbrook Street and Windsor Park.

6. Department for Regional Development Briefing: Update on TEN-T and Engagement with Europe

10:51am The following officials joined the meeting

Tom Reid – Director of Transport Policy, Strategy and Legislation, DRD

Jim Sutherland – Head of EU Transport Policy and Funding, DRD

Carla McManus – EU Transport Policy and Funding Unit, DRD

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

10:53am Mr Hussey re-joined the meeting

11:35am Mr Easton left the meeting

11:35am Mr McAleer left the meeting

11:42am Mr McAleer re-joined the meeting

11:43am Mrs Hale left the meeting

11:46am The officials left the meeting

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request a copy of the paper prepared following discussions with ports and airports in relation to connectivity.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request a written briefing on its discussions with the Scottish Government in relation to the A75.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request a written briefing on priorities discussed with the EU Commission in the last six months.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request a briefing from the Minister and Permanent Secretary in relation to the development of EU project applications.

7. SR 2013/256: The M2/Trunk Road T7 Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

Agreed: That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2013/256: The M2/Trunk Road T7 Order (Northern Ireland) 2013 and has no objection to the rule.

11:47am Mrs Hale re-joined the meeting

8. Any Other Business

9. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 27th November 2013 at 10:00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

11:48am The meeting was adjourned

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Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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