



## Northern Ireland Assembly

### COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2015  
ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

**Present:**

Mr Trevor Clarke MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Joe Byrne MLA  
Mr John Dallat MLA  
Mr Alex Easton MLA  
Mr Ross Hussey MLA  
Mr Chris Lyttle MLA  
Mr Declan McAleer MLA  
Mr David McNarry MLA  
Mr Stephen Moutray MLA  
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

**In attendance:**

Mr Paul Carlisle (Clerk to the Committee)  
Mr Gavin Ervine (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Ms Christine Dodson (Clerical Supervisor)  
Mr Barry McLernon (Clerical Officer)

**Apologies:**

10:03am      *The meeting commenced in open session*

10:03am      *Mr Lynch assumed the role of Chairperson*

#### 1. Apologies

No apologies were received.

#### 2. Chairperson's Business

The Chairperson gave Members an overview of the meeting he held with the Minister and Departmental officials which took place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015.

### **3. Draft Minutes**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

### **4. Correspondence**

Members noted the correspondence received.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on the Integrated Transport Pilot Project.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted an invite from the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission to a lecture and reception on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted an invite from the School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy (QUB) to a Roundtable Discussion and Book Launch on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Minister Danny Kennedy regarding the Coleraine to Londonderry Rail Track Phase Two Project, including a copy of the Project Assessment Review Report, and agreed to include this in the Rail Track Inquiry folder.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure to Minister Danny Kennedy regarding Defibrillator Registration on Community Resuscitation Strategy.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Minister Danny Kennedy's availability to attend a Committee meeting.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on Translink accounts.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on the NI Water pay settlement.

- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on safety barriers on the Dublin Road, Antrim.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from QPANI regarding Lough Neagh sand extraction industry.
- Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Clerk's Assistants Office regarding the removal of cameras from Room 21.

## **5. Department for Regional Development Briefing: Business Plan 2015/2016**

*10:07am The following officials joined the meeting*

Peter May – Permanent Secretary, DRD

Dr Andrew Murray – Chief Executive, Transport NI

Moira Doherty – Director of Strategy, Communication & Change, DRD

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

*10:16am Mr Lyttle joined the meeting*

*10:21am Mr Clarke joined the meeting and assumed the role of Chairperson*

*10:52am Mr McNarry left the meeting*

*11:05am Mr McNarry re-joined the meeting*

*11:10am Mr Lynch left the meeting*

*11:18am Mr Moutray joined the meeting*

*11:24am Mr Lynch re-joined the meeting*

*11:25am Mr McAleer left the meeting*

*11:25am The officials left the meeting*

- Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to provide the Committee with assurance that appointments to the board of its Arm's Length Bodies are robust.

- Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department regarding the skeleton functions currently being carried out by frontline Transport NI staff and those functions which would normally be carried out.
- Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to ask if it has submitted or received EU funding for the Coleraine to Londonderry rail project.
- Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department regarding the cost of productivity bonuses being paid to DLO's.

## **6. Department for Regional Development Briefing: June Monitoring**

*11:26am The following officials joined the meeting*

John McNeill – Director of Finance, DRD

Stewart Barnes – Head of Financial Planning & Management, DRD

Roddy Crilly – Transport NI

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

*11:34am Mr Hussey left the meeting*

*11:41am Mr McAleer re-joined the meeting*

*11:48am Mr Dallat left the meeting*

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

*12:08pm Mr Byrne left the meeting*

*12:09pm Mr McAleer left the meeting*

*12:21pm Mr Lyttle left the meeting*

*12:31pm Mr Lyttle re-joined the meeting*

*12:34pm The officials left the meeting*

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department regarding compensation paid to businesses for losses incurred as a result of road works being undertaken outside their premises.

*12:34pm The Committee adjourned*

12:39pm      *The Committee recommenced in open session*

*The following Members were present: Mr Trevor Clarke MLA (Chairperson), Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson), Mr John Dallat MLA, Mr Chris Lyttle MLA, Mr Stephen Moutray MLA.*

## **7. Subordinate Legislation not Subject to Assembly Procedure**

*Members noted:*

- The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Belfast) (Amendment No 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

## **8. SR 2015/253: The Ballinderry Road/Glenavy Road, Lisburn (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015**

*Agreed:*      That the Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2015/253: The Ballinderry Road/Glenavy Road, Lisburn (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 and has no objection to the rule.

## **9. Department for Regional Development Briefing: Water and Sewerage Services Bill**

12:40pm      *The following officials joined the meeting*

Julie-Ann Dutton – Head of Water Policy Environment Team, DRD  
Louise Green – Water Policy Division, DRD

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

12:41pm      *Mr Ó hOisín joined the meeting*

12:43pm      *Mr McNarry re-joined the meeting*

12:44pm      *Mr Moutray left the meeting*

12:44pm      *Mr McNarry left the meeting*

12:57pm      *The representatives left the meeting*

## **10. Committee Motions on Department for Regional Development Budget**

Members considered two draft Committee Motions regarding the reduction of Disability Action and Community Transport budgets and also expressing a lack of confidence in the Department for Regional Development's ability to effectively manage and maintain their budgets.

## **11. Any Other Business**

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

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 10:00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

1:00pm      *The meeting was adjourned*

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**Mr Trevor Clarke MLA**  
**Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development**  
**10/06/15**