



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

**COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2015**  
**ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**Present:**

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

**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:**

Mr Trevor Clarke MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

*10:05am Mr Lynch assumed the role of Chairperson*

*10:05am The meeting commenced in open session*

**1. Apologies**

As above.

**2. Chairperson's Business**

### **3. Draft Minutes**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015.

### **4. Correspondence**

*10:07am Mr McAleer joined the meeting*

Members noted the correspondence received.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding appointments of Councillor Members to the Board of the Warrenpoint Harbour Authority.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from Disability Action regarding Committee queries on budget reductions.

*Agreed:* The Committee noted holding correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Committee queries on cost of taxis and company cars for Translink.

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*Agreed:* The Committee noted correspondence from the Department for Regional Development regarding Progress Report 2013/14 – Regional Development Strategy (RDS) 2035.

### **5. Ministerial Briefing: Impact of Budget Reductions**

*10:08am The Minister and the following official joined the meeting*

Danny Kennedy MLA – Minister for Regional Development

Peter May – Permanent Secretary, DRD

John McGrath – Deputy Secretary, Governance, Policy and Resources, DRD

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

10:10am      *Mr McNarry joined the meeting*

10:11am      *Mr Easton joined the meeting*

10:28am      *Mr Moutray left the meeting*

10:40am      *Mr Lyttle joined the meeting*

10:48am      *Mr McNarry left the meeting*

10:48am      *Mr Dallat left the meeting*

10:52am      *Mr McNarry re-joined the meeting*

10:58am      *Mr Dallat re-joined the meeting*

11:03am      *The Minister and officials left the meeting*

**Agreed:**      The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Finance and Personnel to highlight inadequacies in the Monitoring round process, which leads to the Department for Regional Development being so heavily reliant on in-year funding.

## **6. Department for Regional Development Briefing: Road Traffic (Speed Limits) Bill**

11:04am      *The following officials joined the meeting*

Gerry Anketell MBE – Transport NI, DRD  
Philip Hamilton – Head of Engineering Services, Transport NI, DRD  
Greg McClelland – Road Safety Policy Manager, DRD  
Matthew Alford – Lands and Legislation, DRD

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

11:09am      *Mr Byrne left the meeting*

11:23am      *Mr Byrne re-joined the meeting*

11:28am      *Mr McAleer left the meeting*

11:29am      *Mr Hussey left the meeting*

11:49am      *The officials left the meeting*

11:49am      *The Committee adjourned*

11:54am      *The Committee recommenced in open session*

*The following Members were present: Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson), Mr Joe Byrne MLA, Mr John Dallat MLA, Mr Chris Lyttle MLA.*

11:54am      *The Committee was inquorate*

## **7. PlayBoard NI Briefing: Road Traffic (Speed Limits) Bill**

11:54am      *The following representatives joined the meeting*

Susan Kehoe – Senior Advocacy Officer, PlayBoard NI

Alan Herron – Director of Service Delivery and Development, PlayBoard NI

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

11:56am      *Mr McAleer re-joined the meeting*

11:56am      *The Committee was once again quorate*

12:20pm      *The representatives left the meeting*

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

*Members noted:*

- The Roads (Speed Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015
- The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Belfast) (Amendment No 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

## **9. Department for Regional Development Briefing: Disability Action/Community Transport Budget Reductions**

12:22pm      *The following officials joined the meeting*

John McGrath – Deputy Secretary, Governance, Policy and Resources, DRD

Ciaran Doran – Director of Public Transport Services Division, DRD

Deaglan Coleman – Public Transport Services, DRD

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

12:39pm      *The officials left the meeting*

#### **10. Any Other Business**

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

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 10:00am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

12:39pm      *The meeting was adjourned*

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**Mr Trevor Clarke MLA**  
**Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development**  
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