



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2015
ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

Present:

Mr Trevor Clarke MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr John Dallat MLA
Ms Claire Hanna MLA
Mr Stephen Moutray MLA
Mr Declan McAleer MLA
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA

In attendance:

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

The meeting commenced in open session at 10.20am

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

2. CHAIRPERSON'S BUSINESS

Members considered the launch of the RNIB strategy on accessible transport on 12 November 2015.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite the RNIB to brief the Committee on its strategy.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to look into the issue raised by the RNIB regarding the new trains

3. DRAFT MINUTES: MEETING OF 11 NOVEMBER 2015

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting on 11 November 2015.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted and considered the correspondence received.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to receive a briefing from the Department on the Monitoring of Savings Delivery Plans 2014-2015.

Mr Dallat joined the meeting at 10.25am

5. WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES BILL – CLAUSE BY CLAUSE

Members noted the Examiner of Statutory Rules advice and the Department's amendments to clause 3.

The Committee formally scrutinised clause by clause including amendments of the Water & Sewerage Services Bill and agreed the following:

Clause 1: Extension of Period for which Grants to Water and Sewerage Undertakers can be Paid

Question put and agreed: that the Committee for Regional Development agreed with clause 1 as drafted.

Clause 2: Combining Water Resources Management Plans and Drought Plans

Question put and agreed: that the Committee for Regional Development agreed with clause 2 as drafted.

Clause 3: Power to Remove or Relax Duty to Install Water Meters When Making Domestic Connections

Members considered amendments made by the Department on the advice of the Examiner of Statutory Rules and a change to the Bill Office amendment.

Agreed: the Committee for Regional Development agreed with the wording of the proposed amendments made by the Department to clause 3

Question put and agreed: that the Committee for Regional Development agreed with clause 3 as amended.

Clause 4: Sustainable Drainage Systems

Question put and agreed: that the Committee for Regional Development agreed with clause 4 as drafted.

Clause 5: Refusal of Surface Water Connection

Agreed: The Committee for Regional Development agreed with the wording of the proposed amendment made by the Department to clause 5.

Question put and agreed: that the Committee for Regional Development agreed with clause 5 as amended.

Clause 6: Connection of Drains and Private Sewers to Public Sewers: Adoption Agreement

Question put and agreed: that the Committee for Regional Development agreed with clause 6 as drafted.

Clause 7: Interpretation

Question put and agreed: that the Committee for Regional Development agreed with clause 7 as drafted.

Clause 8: Commencement

Question put and agreed: that the Committee for Regional Development agreed with clause 8 as drafted.

Clause 9: Short Title

Question put and agreed: that the Committee for Regional Development agreed with clause 9 as drafted.

Schedule 1: Combining Water Resources Management Plans and Drought Plans

Question put and agreed: that the Committee for Regional Development agreed with schedule 1 as drafted.

Schedule 2: Sustainable Drainage Systems: Further Amendments

Question put and agreed: that the Committee for Regional Development agreed with schedule 2 as drafted.

Long Title

Question put and agreed: that the Committee for Regional Development agreed with the Long Title as drafted.

Ms Hanna joined the meeting at 10.31am

6. WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES BILL – DRAFT REPORT

Membership and Power, List of Abbreviations

Agreed: The Committee for Regional Development was content that Members and Power at pages 3-4 stand part of the report.

List of Abbreviation and Acroyms

Agreed: The Committee for Regional Development was content that List of Abbreviation at page 5 stand part of the report.

Introduction

Agreed: The Committee for Regional Development was content that paragraphs 9-12 stand part of the report.

Consideration of Bill by the Committee

Agreed: The Committee for Regional Development was content that paragraphs 22-37 stand part of the report.

Clause by Clause Scrutiny of the Bill

Agreed: The Committee for Regional Development was content that paragraphs 38-48 stand part of the report.

Executive Summary

Agreed: The Committee for Regional Development was content that paragraphs 1-8 stand part of the report.

Summary of Recommendations

Agreed: The Committee for Regional Development was content that paragraphs 18-21 stand part of the report.

Agreed: The Committee for Regional Development agreed the extract of the minutes of proceedings and the Hansard edition from the meeting for inclusion in the report.

Agreed: The Committee for Regional Development agreed to forward the report to the Minister for Regional Development.

7. EU MATTERS

Members noted the Northern Ireland Assembly EU Matters publication.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek an update on the development of the A5 from the Department.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 25 November 2015 at 10am in the Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

10.35am The meeting was adjourned.

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Mr Trevor Clarke MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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