



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2015

BOARD ROOM, LONDONDERRY PORT & HARBOUR

Present:

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

In attendance:

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

Apologies:

Mrs Brenda Hale MLA
Mr John Dallat MLA
Mr Chris Lyttle MLA
Mr David McNarry MLA

10.24am The meeting commenced in open session.

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Chairperson's Business

The Chair outlined a meeting held on 20 October 2015 with legislation expert, Daniel Greenberg, on the Water & Sewerage Services Bill.

3. Draft Minutes: Meeting of 14 October 2015

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 14 October 2015.

4. Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the Clerk should draft a response to the Assembly and Executive Review Committee regarding the Assembly and Executive Reform (Assembly Opposition) Bill.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to contact Mr Paschal Lynch to confirm if he will present his model during the course of the Public Inquiry scheduled to commence on 10th November 2015.

5. Londonderry Port & Harbour Presentation

10.31am The following witnesses joined the meeting

- *Mr Brian McGrath, Chief Executive, Londonderry Port & Harbour*

The Committee received a presentation from the Londonderry Port & Harbour on the work the port.

10.34am Mr Moutray left the meeting.

10.37am Mr Moutray rejoined the meeting.

11.09am Ms Hanna left the meeting.

11.10am Short comfort break.

11.10am Ms Hanna rejoined the meeting.

11.15am Meeting resumed in open session.

6. Departmental Briefing – Belfast Rapid Transit Update

11.16am The following witnesses joined the meeting

- *Mr Ciarán de Búrca, Director of Transport Projects Division, Department for Regional Development*

- *Dr Andrew Murray, Chief Executive, Transport NI, Department for Regional Development*
- *Mr Philip O'Neill, Chief Operating Officer, Translink*

The Committee received an update from the Department for Regional Development in regards to Belfast Rapid Transit.

Agreed: The Department to provide details of the Programme Board and how has this changed from the previous Project Board.

11.24am Mr McAleer left the meeting.

11.30am Mr McAleer rejoined the meeting.

7. Any Other Business

Agreed: Members agreed the draft itinerary for the visit to Cardiff on 3-5 November 2015.

Agreed: Members to confirm their attendance to Committee staff as soon as possible.

Date Of The Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 4 November 2015 at 1pm in the National Assembly for Wales.

11.57pm The meeting was adjourned.

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Mr Trevor Clarke MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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