



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**WEDNESDAY 11 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 Chris Lyttle MLA
Mr Stephen Moutray MLA
Mr Declan McAleer MLA
Mr David McNarry MLA
Mr Adrian Cochrane Watson MLA

In attendance:

Ms Stella McArdle (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 10.04am

1. Apologies

Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA; Mrs Brenda Hale would be late

2. Chairperson's Business

Members considered the draft response by the Committee to the Assembly and Executive Review Committee on its scrutiny of the Assembly and Executive Reform (Assembly Opposition) Bill.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to issue the response to the Assembly and Executive Review Committee

Members considered amendments provided to the Water & Sewerage Service Bill provided by the Northern Ireland Assembly Bills Office and the Department.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to the Bill Office and Department suggested amendments.

3. DRAFT MINUTES: MEETING OF 4 NOVEMBER and 21 OCTOBER 2015

Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting on 4 November and the minutes of 21 October 2015.

10.08am Mr Cochrane-Watson joined the meeting

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted and considered correspondence received.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to include the following correspondence in the Bill folder - response to RAiSE queries regarding Northern Ireland Water Bond Fees, the Department and Daniel Greenberg correspondence regarding amendments to the Water and Sewerage Services Bill and a response from NILGA regarding the Water and Sewerage Services Bill.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to Translink regarding the service provided by Ulsterbus for schoolchildren and wheelchair users.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to Translink to pass on its appreciation of the act of kindness by a driver.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to request a briefing from the Department with regards to November monitoring.

5. NORTHERN IRELAND WATER BRIEFING: BONDS

10.15am Members received a briefing from the Assembly Research and Information Services.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the sewerage undertakers for further information on Bonds.

10.25pm The following witnesses joined the meeting

10.28 am Mr Lyttle joined the meeting

10.35am Mr Cochrane-Watson left the meeting

- *Mr Frank Stewart, Head of Developer Services, Northern Ireland Water*
- *Mr Sean McAleese, Customer Service Delivery Director, Northern Ireland Water*

The Committee received a briefing from the Northern Ireland Water on Bonds and Sewers.

10.40am The meeting was suspended for the Remembrance Service

11.12am The meeting resumed with the following Members:

Mr Trevor Clarke MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Séan Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr John Dallat MLA
Mrs Brenda Hale MLA
Ms Claire Hanna MLA
Mr Chris Lyttle MLA
Mr Stephen Moutray MLA
Mr David McNarry MLA

Agreed: The Committee agreed to request further information from Northern Ireland Water on the 20 sites where the Bonds are insufficient to complete remedial work including location of the 20 sites, the number of houses at each site, the value of the sites and the funding gap between the Bond and work required to bring each site up to standard.

11.30 am Mr Moutray left the meeting

11.40am Mr McAleer joined the meeting

6. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT GROUP BRIEFING

11.50am The following witnesses joined the meeting

- *Ms Linda MacHugh, Direct of Water Policy & Shareholder Unit, Department for Regional Development*

- *Mr Paddy Brow, Grade 6, Water Policy, Department for Regional Development*
- *Mr Stephen Dawson, DARD, Rivers Agency*

11.55am Mr Lyttle left the meeting

12.00pm Mr Dallet left the meeting

12.06pm Ms Hanna left the meeting

12.14pm Mr McNarry left the meeting

The Committee received a briefing on the overview of the Stormwater Management Group, its members and key drivers for use of SuDs.

7. INQUIRY INTO DRD PROGRESS AGAINST THE PFG TARGETS

12.17pm Ms Hanna joined the meeting

12.17pm Members considered the draft Terms of Reference and the signposting advertisement for the Inquiry into DRD Progress against the Programme for Government Targets

Agreed: The Committee agreed the draft Terms of Reference and the signposting advertisement.

8-17 SL1's TO NOTE

12.18pm The Committee noted the list of SL1's.

18. SL1 – THE U125 OLD GRAND JURY ROAD, SAINTFIELD (ABANDONMENT) ORDER (NI) 2015

Agreed: The Committee was content with the merits of the policy proposal.

19. SL1 – THE CARBANE ROAD, NEWRY (ABANDONMENT) ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2015

Agreed: The Committee were content with the merits of the policy proposal.

20. SL1 – THE CLIFTON STREET/CARRICK HILL, BELFAST (FOOTWAY) (ABANDONMENT) ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2015

Agreed: The Committee were content with the merits of the policy proposal.

21. SL1 – THE CLOGHANRAMER ROAD, NEWRY (ABANDONMENT) ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2015

Agreed: The Committee were content with the merits of the policy proposal.

12.20pm Ms Hanna left the meeting

12.26pm Mr McNarry joined the meeting

12.55pm Mr Lynch left the meeting

Any Other Business

There were no other items of business.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday 18 November 2015 at 10am in the Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

13.02pm The meeting was adjourned.

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Mr Trevor Clarke MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development
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