



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

**COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY 13 JANUARY 2016**  
**ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**Present:**

Mr Seán Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr John Dallat MLA  
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA  
Mr Stephen Moutray MLA  
Mr Declan McAleer MLA  
Mr Daniel McCrossan MLA  
Mr David McNarry MLA  
Mr Adrian Cochrane-Watson MLA

**In attendance:**

Mr Trevor Allen (Senior Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Ms Kate McCullough (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Mr Stephen Magee (Clerical Supervisor)  
Mr Barry McLernon (Clerical Officer)

*10.05am: The meeting commenced in open session with Mr Lynch as Chairperson*

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mr Clarke and Mrs Hale.

**2. CHAIRPERSON'S BUSINESS**

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Daniel McCrossan to the Committee and thanked Ms Claire Hanna for her contribution to the work of the Committee.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to move into closed session to discuss a letter received from the Minister regarding information on unadopted private

sewers and the provision of a report on NI Water's Annual Report and Accounts to the press.

*10.10am: Mr McAleer joined the meeting*

*10.12am: The meeting moved into closed session*

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to consider the correspondence from the Minister on upadoted private sewers.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to a follow-up meeting with the Minister.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed that a Member from each party should attend the meeting with Minister, if they wished.

*10.30am: Mr Lyttle joined the meeting*

*10.36am: Mr Adrian Cochrane-Watson joined the meeting*

*10.40am: The meeting moved into open session*

## **5. TRANSPORT NI UPDATE ON DEALING WITH THE RECENT FLOODING**

*10.41am: The following officials joined the meeting:*

- Mr David Porter, Acting Chief Executive, Rivers Agency, DARD
- Mr John Irvine, Director of Network Services, Transport NI
- Mr Sean McAleese, Director of Customer Service Delivery, NI Water

The Committee received a briefing on the multi-agency approach to dealing with the recent flooding.

*11.16am: Mr McAleer left the meeting*

*11.20am: Mr McAleer joined the meeting*

*11.24am: Mr McNarry left the meeting*

**Agreed:** It was agreed that officials would follow up separately with members in relation to a number of constituency-specific issues.

*11.30am: Officials left the meeting*

## **6. NI WATER ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

*11.30 am: The following officials joined the meeting:*

- Ms Sara Venning, Chief Executive, NI Water
- Mr Ronan Larkin, Director of Finance & Regulation, NI Water

11.35am: Mr McNarry joined the meeting  
11.49am: Mr McAleer left the meeting  
11.43am: Mr Ó hÓisín left the meeting  
11.44am: Mr Ó hÓisín joined the meeting  
11.49am: Mr McCrossan left the meeting  
11.53am: Mr McAleer joined the meeting  
11.54am: Mr Ó hÓisín left the meeting  
12.04pm: Mr Cochrane-Watson left the meeting  
12.08pm: Mr McCrossan joined the meeting  
12.10pm: Mr Ó hÓisín joined the meeting  
12.13pm: Mr Moutray joined the meeting

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to receive further clarification on the breakdown of NI Water's contract hire and operating expenses; and also in relation to the derogation from FReM.

12.27pm: Officials left the meeting

12.28pm: Mr Moutray left the meeting

### **3. DRAFT MINUTES: MEETING OF 9 December 2015**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting on 9 December 2015.

### **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

Members noted and considered the correspondence received.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Minister to ascertain if there are any plans to secure a similar deal as made by the Irish Government and IAG to access Heathrow Airport.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to receive a briefing from the Department on the reports 'Method of Travel to/from School by Publics in NI 2014/15' and 'Cycling and Walking to/from Work in NI 2014/15.'

### **7. COMMITTEE INQUIRY – THE DEPARTMENT'S PROGRESS AGAINST THE EXECUTIVE PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT (PFG) TARGETS**

The Committee considered the approach to this inquiry.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to take evidence from both Research and the Department on 27 January, and to consider its appropriate approach to this issue.

## **8-14 SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION NOT SUBJECT TO ASSEMBLY PROCEDURES**

The Committee noted the SL1s.

### **15. STATUTORY RULE – NEGATIVE RESOLUTION**

*Agreed:* The Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2015/407: The Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and subject to the ESR's report has no objection to the rule.

### **16. STATUTORY RULE – NEGATIVE RESOLUTION**

*Agreed:* The Committee for Regional Development has considered SR 2015/342: The Glebe Way, Moira (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 and has no objection to the rule.

*12.30pm: Mr McNarry left the meeting*

### **17. DRAFT FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered the draft Forward Work Programme including a visit to a number of SuDS sites in Belfast, Bangor and Dundonald.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the Forward Work Programme and agreed option 2 for the visit to the SuD sites.

### **18. RaISe BRIEFING ON THE BUDGET 2016-2017**

*12.40pm: The meeting moved into closed session*

The Committee received a presentation on the 2016-17 budget from the Assembly's Research and Information Service.

### **19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to receive an oral briefing from Translink on the Belfast to Dublin trains and railway line.

### **20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Committee will be on Wednesday 20 January 2016 at 10am in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

*13.01pm: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting*

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

**13 January 2016**