



Northern Ireland
Assembly

COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2016
ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

Present:

Mr Trevor Clarke MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Séan Lynch (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr John Dallat MLA
Mrs Brenda Hale MLA

In attendance:

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

10.24am: The meeting opened in public session

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Mr McNarry, Mr Ó hOisín and Mr McAleer.

2. BELFAST CITY AIRPORT AND NOISE – BRIEFING BY DEPARTMENT

10.25am: the following officials joined the meeting:

- Mr Garry McKenna, Transport Legislation
- Mr Jim Sutherland, European Programmes & Gateways
- Mr Martin Gillespie, Deputy Principal, European Programmes & Gateways

The Committee received a briefing from the Department on issues arising from the briefing from Belfast City Airport Watch on 10 February 2016.

10.54am: The officials left the meeting

3. PUBLIC TRANSPORT ISSUES FOR BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED PEOPLE IN NORTHERN IRELAND – BRIEFING BY THE RNIB

10.54am: the following witnesses joined the meeting:

- Mr David Galloway, Director of RNIB NI
- Dr Jacqueline Witherow – Campaigns and Research Manager
- Mr Michael Joyce – Chair of the North West CAN group and RNIB NI Committee Member

The Committee received a briefing from RNIB on the recommendations in its report to improve access to public transport for blind and partially sighted people.

11.40am: The witnesses left the meeting

11.40am: The meeting became inquorate; the Chairperson adjourned the meeting.

4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will be on Monday 22 February 2016 at 12.30pm in Room 21, Parliament Buildings.

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Mr Trevor Clarke MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development

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