



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

**COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH 2016  
ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**Present:**

Mr Trevor Clarke MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr John Dallat MLA  
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA  
Mrs Brenda Hale MLA  
Mr Chris Lyttle MLA  
Mr David McNarry MLA  
Mr Adrian Cochrane-Watson MLA  
Mr Stephen Moutray 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)

*10.19am: The meeting opened in public session.*

**1. APOLOGIES**

Mr Lynch, Mr McAleer, Mr Daniel McCrossan

**2. CHAIRPERSON'S BUSINESS**

There was no Chairperson's Business.

**5. FLAGSHIP PROJECTS**

*10.22am The following officials joined the meeting*

- Mr Tom Reid, Director Transport Policy, Strategy & Legislation Division
- Mr Philip Hamilton, Head of Engineering Services, Transport NI (A5/A6 Projects)
- Mr Robin Totten, Civil Engineer, Transport Projects, Transport NI (Belfast Rapid Transit project)

- Mr Philip O'Neill, Chief Operating Officer, Translink (Belfast Transport Hub project)

*10.39am: Mr McNarry joined the meeting*

*10.39am: Mr Cochrane-Watson left the meeting*

*10.42am: Mrs Hale joined the meeting*

The Committee received a briefing on the Department's 4 Flagship Projects: the A5 road scheme; the A6 road schemes; Belfast Rapid Transit; and Belfast Transport Hub..

*10.58am: Mr Lyttle joined the meeting*

*11.08am: Mr Moutray joined the meeting*

*11.18am: Mr Moutray left the meeting*

*11.22am: Mr Moutray joined the meeting*

*11.26am: Mrs Hale left the meeting*

*11.32am: Mrs Hale joined the meeting*

*11.32am: Mr Moutray left the meeting*

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to ask for an update on the plans to progress the Park and Ride system in Dungiven and the 3 other Park and Ride schemes in the Derry/Londonderry area.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed to ask for the decision on the INTERREG submission made by the Department on the transport hub for Derry/Londonderry when available.

*11.34am: Officials left the meeting.*

### **3. DRAFT MINUTES**

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting on 22 February 2016.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

The Committee noted a response from the Department regarding the timeline leading to the introduction of 20mph speed limited.

The Committee noted a response from the Department to the Committee's questions regarding the future plans from NI Water on how it will address the weak sewerage infrastructure connections to areas not included in the £670.1 million investment.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Irish Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport in relation to the proposed changes to the timetable of the Enterprise train service.

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee considered an urgent written Ministerial Statement on Wednesday 24 February 2016 regarding the publication of a Notice of Intention to proceed with the A6 Londonderry to Dungiven dualling scheme and the Making of the Direction Order.

*Agreed:* The Committee expressed its dissatisfaction that the Ministerial Statement was not delivered to the House and that Members of the Committee were not invited to the Minister's event in relation to the A6 road scheme.

The Committee noted, from the Committee for Finance and Personnel, correspondence received from the Department of Finance and Personnel on the points raised in two Assembly research papers relating to the Executive's Draft Budget 2016-17.

The Committee noted information from the Department on the development of an Ultra-Low Emission Vehicle Strategy for Northern Ireland following the outcome of the Department's bid for funding under the Go Ultra Low Cities Scheme.

The Committee noted information from the Department on its intention to publicly consult on the proposal to make a Statutory Rule entitled "The Donaghadee (Harbour Area) Order (Northern Ireland)."

The Committee noted information from the Department on its intention to publicly consult on the proposal to make a Statutory Rule entitled "The Railways (Safety Management) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland)."

The Committee noted the following EIS Press releases:

- £205,000 road improvement scheme in Portaferry set to get underway
- Tenders invited for new £1.2million roundabout at Temple Crossroads
- £150,000 road improvement schemes in Antrim now complete
- Minister welcomes £3.7million investment in Derry City and Strabane District Council area
- A6 Londonderry to Dungiven dualling schemes moves forward
- Public exhibition dates for A5 scheme
- Progress on the development of £30 million Enniskillen Southern Bypass
- Minister extends awareness of travel safe guide through link with libraries in Northern Ireland

The Committee noted the Consumer Council for Northern Ireland's draft Corporate Plan and draft Forward Work Programme 2016/17. Members noted the invitation to its open meeting during the consultation period on 8

March 2016 at 2pm at the Consumer Council's office and agreed to inform the secretariat if intending to attend.

The Committee noted the Consumer Council for Northern Ireland's report from December 2015 on the Consumer Awareness and Usage of Public Transport Services in Dungannon.

The Committee considered a draft report on the recent visit by the Committee to Sustainable Drainage Systems sites.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the report and to publish it on its webpage.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for OFMdfM which sets out issues raised by the Departments at the Joint Ministerial Committee in December 2015 on the European Union Reform.

## **7. HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES ON THE ROAD NETWORKS**

*11.44am: The following officials joined the meeting:*

- Mr Stephen Tweed, PPTP Civil Engineer Health and Safety and Business, TNI
- Mr Philip Hamilton, Head of Engineering Services, TNI

*11.47am: Mrs Hale left the meeting*

*11.52am: Mr Ó hOisín left the meeting*

*11.53am: Mr Cochrane-Watson joined the meeting*

*12noon: Mr Ó hOisín joined the meeting*

The Committee received a briefing on the Department's view of using automated machinery for the placement and collection of cones for works on the roads network.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that the Department provides Members with a demonstration on the use of the machinery, which places and collects cones, before the end of the mandate.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to include further information on the cone distribution and collection machinery in the next meeting pack.

*12.18pm: Officials left the meeting*

*12.18am: Mr McNarry left the meeting.*

## **8. MEETING WITH, AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM, PROFESSOR AUSTIN SMYTH IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED MODIFIED TIMETABLE FOR THE ENTERPRISE SERVICE**

The Chairperson informed Members of the meeting held with Professor Smyth on Monday 29 February 2016 on the Enterprise train service.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to ensure the issues raised by Professor Smyth are included in the Legacy Report to be considered at the next mandate.

## **9. DRAFT LEGACY REPORT**

The Committee considered the draft Legacy Report.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to wait until the 16 March 2016 to give Members the opportunity to be present to approve the Legacy Report.

## **10. SCHEMES TO ALLEVIATE FLOODING AND STORMWATER**

The Committee considered the responses received to its letter regarding schemes to alleviate flooding and stormwater.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to forward the responses to the Department for information.

## **11-15 SR1s – TO NOTE**

The Committee was content to note the following SL1s:

- The Loading Bays and parking Places on Roads (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- The Parking Places on Roads (Coaches) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- The Parking Places on Roads (Motor Cycles) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) (2016)
- The Prohibition of Left Hand Turn (Castle Street Belfast)
- The Road Races (Mourne Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

## **16-18 SL1s – NEGATIVE RESOLUTION**

The Committee was content to note the following SL1s that are subject to Negative Resolution:

- The Trunk Road T10 (Cornamuck Realignment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016
- The River Lagan Foot Cycle Bridge Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 and the River Lagan (Division of Navigable Watercourse and Extinguishment)

The Committee considered the following SL1 that is subject to Negative Resolution:

- The Trunk Road T7, T17 and T22 (Londonderry to Dungiven) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to ask for an explanation of the delay in bringing forward this subordinate legislation.

## **19. SR 2016/73 THE TRAIN DRIVING LICENCES AND CERTIFICATES (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2016**

*Agreed:* The Committee for Regional Development considered SR2016/73 The Train Driving Licences & Certificates (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 and, subject to the ESR's report, has no objection to the rule.

## **20. DRAFT FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

*Agreed:* Members noted and agreed the programme for the event on 9 March 2016 to be held in the Pavilion, Stormont Estate, Belfast, to consider Public Transport in Belfast City Centre and agreed to contact secretariat staff to indicate their intention to attend.

*Agreed:* The Committee considered and agreed the forward work programme until the end of the mandate.

## **21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*Agreed:* Members agreed that the Chairperson can sign off on the minutes of the final meeting of the committee for this mandate as an accurate record of proceedings.

## **22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Committee will be on Wednesday 16 March 2016 at 10am in Room 21 Parliament Buildings.

*12.37pm: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting*

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

**16 March 2016**