



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*