



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

**COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2015  
ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**Present:**

Mr Trevor Clarke MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr John Dallat MLA  
Mr Cathal Ó hOisín MLA  
Ms Claire Hanna MLA  
Mr Chris Lyttle MLA  
Mr David McNarry MLA  
Mr Stephen Moutray MLA  
Mr Adrian Cochrane Watson MLA

**In attendance:**

Mr Paul Carlisle (Clerk to the Committee)  
Ms Pamela Carson (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Ms Christine Dodson (Clerical Supervisor)  
Mr Barry McLernon (Clerical Officer)

**Apologies:**

Mrs Brenda Hale MLA  
Mr Declan McAleer MLA

*10.05am      The meeting commenced in closed session.*

**6. Water and Sewerage Services Bill - Bonds**

Members noted the additional information provided relating to the concerns relayed by CEF to the inclusion of a clause to make the provision of a bond for sewers a requirement.

## **8. Water and Sewerage Services Bill Oral Evidence – Department for Regional Development**

*10.59am The following witnesses joined the meeting*

- *Ms Linda MacHugh, Director of Water Policy & Shareholder Unit, Department for Regional Development*
- *Ms Julie-Ann Dutton, Grade 7, Water Policy, Department for Regional Development*
- *Ms Jackie King, Deputy Principal, Water Policy, Department for Regional Development*
- *Mr Paddy Brow, Grade 6, Water Policy, Department for Regional Development*

The Committee received oral evidence from the Department for Regional Development in regards to the Water and Sewerage Services Bill.

Agreed: Department to provide details of meetings held with SUDs experts in Northern Ireland.

Agreed: Copy of the clause on SUDs drafted by the Department's Drafter to be provided to the Committee.

*11.05am Mr McNarry joined the meeting*

*11.25am Mr Lyttle left the meeting.*

*11.31am Mr Lyttle rejoined the meeting.*

## **9. Water and Sewerage Services Bill Oral Evidence – Northern Ireland Water**

*12.01pm The following witnesses joined the meeting*

- *Mr Sean McAleese, Northern Ireland Water*
- *Mr Martin McIlwaine, Northern Ireland Water*
- *Mr Frank Stewart, Northern Ireland Water*
- *Dr Gary Curran, Northern Ireland Water*

The Committee received oral evidence from Northern Ireland Water in regards to the Water and Sewerage Services Bill.

*12.02pm Mr McNarry left the meeting.*

*12.12pm Mr McNarry rejoined the meeting.*

*12.17pm Mr Ó hOisín left the meeting.*

12.20pm      *Mr Ó hOisín rejoined the meeting.*

12.22pm      *Ms Hanna left the meeting.*

## **10. Water and Sewerage Services Bill – Consideration of Committee Amendments**

12.44pm      *The following official joined the meeting*

- *Ms Aoibhinn Treanor, Bill Clerk, Northern Ireland Assembly*

The Committee received a briefing from the Bill Clerk and considered amendments.

Agreed:      Committee to contact Richard Kirk, Institute of Civil Engineers, to ask for his opinion on the amendments.

12.44pm      *Mr McNarry left the meeting.*