



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

**COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 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  
Mr Alex Easton MLA  
Ms Claire Hanna MLA  
Mr Chris Lyttle MLA  
Mr David McNarry MLA  
Mr Stephen Moutray MLA

**In attendance:**

Mr Paul Carlisle (Clerk to the Committee)  
Ms Pamela Carson (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Mr Mark O'Hare (Clerical Supervisor)  
Mr Barry McLernon (Clerical Officer)

**Apologies:**

Mr Declan McAleer MLA  
Adrian Cochrane-Watson MLA

*10:07am Mr Lynch assumed the role of Chairperson*

*10:07am The meeting commenced in open session*

**1. Apologies**

As above.

## **2. Chairperson's Business**

### **3. Draft Minutes: Meeting of 23 September 2015**

*Agreed: The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting of 23 September 2015.*

## **4. Correspondence**

Members noted the correspondence received.

### **5. Water & Sewerage Services Bill Oral Evidence – Northern Ireland Freshwater Task Force**

*10.10am The following witnesses joined the meeting*

- Mr John Martin, Senior Conservation Office, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds*
- Mr Jim Haughey MBE, Chairman, Ulster Angling Federation Ltd*
- Dr Stephen McCabe, Senior Policy & project Officer, Northern Ireland Environment Link*

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

*10.18am Mr Clarke joined the meeting and assumed the role of Chairperson.*

*10.21am Mr Moutray joined the meeting.*

*10.32am Mr Lynch left the meeting.*

*10.35am Mr Lynch rejoined the meeting.*

*10.45am Mr Lyttle joined the meeting.*

*10.52am Ms Hanna left the meeting.*

*10.55am Ms Hanna rejoined the meeting.*

*10.56am Mr Lynch left the meeting.*

*Agreed: Guidance to be provided by Freshwater Taskforce regarding the breakdown of costs where Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) are used to gain planning permission.*

## **6. Water & Sewerage Services Bill Oral Evidence – Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA)**

*10.58am The following witnesses joined the meeting*

- *Ms Karen Smyth, Head of Policy, NILGA*
- *Cllr Sean McPeake, Office Bearer, NILGA*

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

*Agreed: The Committee to write to the Department for Regional Development to ask why only hard SuDs have been addressed in the Water & Sewerage Services Bill.*

*Agreed: NILGA to advise on their representation on Clause 5 regarding the adoption of roads and infrastructure issues.*

*11.10am Mr McNarry left the meeting.*

*11.19am Mr McNarry rejoined the meeting.*