



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

**COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2015  
ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

**Present:**

Mr Trevor Clarke MLA (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 Declan McAleer 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 Sean Lynch MLA (Deputy Chairperson)

*10:18am      The meeting commenced in open session.*

**5. Water & Sewerage Services Bill Oral Evidence – Northern Ireland Environment Agency**

*10.25am      The following witness joined the meeting*

- *Ms Stephanie Millar, Principal Scientific Officer North East River Basin, Northern Ireland Environment Agency*

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

*Agreed: Northern Ireland Environment Agency to provide a list of consultants who are experts in SuDs.*

*10.52am Mr Lyttle joined the meeting.*

## **6. Water & Sewerage Services Bill Oral Evidence – Institution of Civil Engineers**

*10.54am The following witness joined the meeting*

- *Mr Richard Kirk CEng MICE, ICE Regional Director*

The Committee received oral evidence from the Institute of Civil Engineers in regards to the Water and Sewerage Services Bill.

*11.04am Mr Moutray left the meeting*

*11.06am Mr Dallat left the meeting*

*11.09am Mr Dallat rejoined the meeting*

*11.09am Mr McAleer left the meeting*

*11.14am Mr McAleer rejoined the meeting*

*11.22am Mr Ó hOisín left the meeting*

*11.22am Mr Moutray rejoined the meeting*

*11.23am Mr McNarry left the meeting*

*11.28am Mr McNarry rejoined the meeting*

*Agreed: Committee to write to NIEA to clarify their position on the quality of SuDs.*

*Agreed: Storm Water Management Group to be invited to a future Committee meeting.*

*Agreed: The Clerk to consult with Bills Office colleagues regarding drafting amendments to the Bill.*

## **7. Water & Sewerage Services Bill Oral Evidence – Consumer Council**

*11.37am The following witnesses joined the meeting*

- *Mr John French, Chief Executive, Consumer Council Northern Ireland*
- *Mr Graham Smith, Head of Water, Consumer Council Northern Ireland*

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

*11.37am Ms Hanna left the meeting*

*11.40am Ms Hanna rejoined the meeting*

*11.44am Mr Ó hOisín rejoined the meeting*

*Agreed: Consumer Council to provide a list of consultants who are experts in SuDs.*

*Agreed: Consumer Council to provide details of their concerns regarding soft SuDs.*

## **8. Water & Sewerage Services Bill Oral Evidence – Construction Employer Federation**

*11.50am The following witnesses joined the meeting*

- *Mr John Armstrong, Managing Director, Construction Employers Federation*
- *Mr Jonathan Caughey, Federation Manager, Construction Employers Federation*
- *Mr Noel Young, Manager, P Young & Sons*
- *Mr Conor Mulligan, Manager, Lagan Homes*

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

*12.19pm Mr McAleer left the meeting.*

*12.26pm Mr Ó hOisín left the meeting*

*12.29pm Mr Ó hOisín rejoined the meeting*

*Agreed: CEF to provide examples of Bond calculations.*

*Agreed: The Committee agreed to commission a Research Paper on the comparison of costs of Bonds in other jurisdictions.*

*Agreed: CEF to provide a list of Bond companies.*

*Agreed: CEF to provide a list of areas where it is deemed by NIW that the infrastructure is not in place or is at its limit.*

*Agreed: CEF to provide details of discussions held with NIW and DRD.*