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# Committee for the Executive Office Legacy Report 2017 - 2022

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## **List of abbreviations and acronyms used in the report**

COSICA: COMMISSIONER FOR SURVIVORS OF HISTORICAL  
INSTITUTIONAL CHILDHOOD ABUSE

CVS: COMMISSIONER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS

EU: EUROPEAN UNION

HIA: HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE

IPF: INTERPARLIAMENTARY FORUM

MEP: MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

NDNA: NEW DECADE NEW APPROACH

SAVIA: SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS OF INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE

SIB: STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD

T: BUC: TOGETHER: BUILDING A UNITED COMMUNITY

TEO: THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE

UK: UNITED KINGDOM

# Remit, Powers and Membership of the Committee

The Committee for the Executive Office is a Statutory Departmental Committee established in accordance with paragraphs 8 and 9 of Strand One of the Belfast Agreement and under Assembly Standing Order No 48. The Committee has a scrutiny, policy development and consultation role with respect to the Executive Office and has a role in the initiation of legislation.

The Committee has power to:

- consider and advise on Departmental budgets and Annual Plans in the context of the overall budget allocation;
- approve relevant secondary legislation and take the Committee Stage of relevant primary legislation;
- call for persons and papers;
- initiate inquiries and make reports; and
- consider and advise on matters brought to the Committee by the First Minister and deputy First Minister.

The Committee has 9 members, including a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, and a quorum of five members. The membership of the Committee is as follows:

- Ms Sinéad McLaughlin MLA (Chairperson)
- Mr John Stewart MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
- Mr Pádraig Delargy MLA
- Ms Diane Dodds MLA
- Mr Alex Easton MLA
- Mr Trevor Lunn MLA
- Mr Pat Sheehan MLA
- Ms Emma Sheerin MLA

# Review of 2017 – 2022 Mandate

## Scrutiny

The key points of the Committee’s scrutiny during the 2017 - 2022 mandate are summarised below. Please note due to the Assembly not sitting between 2017-2019 there are only key points from 2020-2022.

### Inquiries

The Committee undertook 1 formal inquiry during 2017 – 2022 mandate.

### Impact of the Exit of the United Kingdom from the EU on Local Councils

The Committee for the Executive Office has a scrutiny role in relation to cross-cutting issues arising from the United Kingdom’s exit from the European Union. The inquiry conducted in November 2020 focused on the impact of the United Kingdom’s exit from the European Union on local council areas.

[Read more on the Committee’s Inquiry into the evidence received from local councils on the impact of the United Kingdom’s exit from the European Union.](#)

### Policy Scrutiny

The Committee undertook detailed scrutiny of a number of key policy areas.

### UK Exit from the European Union and Inter-Governmental Relations

The Committee, informed by briefings from the Northern Ireland Assembly EU Affairs Manager, received regular updates from the junior Ministers on EU matters. The Committee strove to have the perspective of Northern Ireland heard in decision-making, particularly in relation to the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland. To this end, the Committee engaged widely with other legislatures (Scottish Parliament, Welsh Senedd, Oireachtas, House of

Commons, House of Lords) and heard evidence from the UK EU negotiator Lord Frost and EU Vice President Maroš Šefčovič.

The Committee took a keen interest in the establishment of the Dedicated Mechanism to oversee the implementation of Article 2 of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland, which ensures there will be no diminution of rights in Northern Ireland after the UK's exit from the EU. The Committee heard periodically from the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland and the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission on the development of the Mechanism.

The Committee also had oversight of the Common Frameworks process and collated the experiences of Assembly committees scrutinising individual frameworks.

## **Covid-19 Response**

At the height of the pandemic, the Committee received regular updates from the First Minister and deputy First Minister on measures to deal with Covid-19. The Committee emphasised the need to remain clear and concise, with unambiguous messaging. The Committee also scrutinised the work of the Covid Recovery Task Force in its role of co-ordinating responses to the pandemic. In its evidence-gathering, the Committee was particularly pleased to hear the views of young people on their experiences of lockdown and advocated for the voices of young people to be heard in policy-making.

## **Historical Institutional Abuse**

The Committee examined the process of redress in relation to victims and survivors of historical institutional abuse. Taking evidence from the Commissioner for Survivors of Institutional Childhood Abuse (COSICA), victims and survivors, the Department and the Redress Board, the Committee moved a motion in the Assembly for a review of the redress process in July 2021.

## **Mother and Baby Homes**

The Committee also worked on the connected issue of victims and survivors of so-called mother and baby homes and Magdalene Laundries. Victims and survivors informed the Committee's scrutiny in this area, also hearing from the Truth Recovery Design Panel. The Committee worked with the Department to facilitate the development of a victim-centred redress process.

## **Legacy of the Conflict**

The Committee engaged with the Victims and Survivors Forum and with the office of the Commissioner for Victims and Survivors. A particular issue was the absence of a Commissioner, the appointment of whom was the subject of consistent requests from the Committee.

Funding for peacebuilding and conflict prevention was an area pursued by the Committee, including seeking assurances that the Peace Plus Programme would be instigated in a timely fashion, scrutinising the deployment of funds for the Communities in Transition programme and hearing from projects engaged in Together: Building a United Community programmes.

## **Programme for Government and New Decade New**

### **Approach**

The Committee received briefings on the draft Programme for Government, but progress on this was delayed by the pandemic. The Covid Recovery Plan did not supersede the Programme for Government, but temporarily took precedence. The Committee also sought clarity on the implementation of aspects of the New Decade New Approach agreement, namely on which areas have been actioned and which are yet to be implemented. The Committee received briefings from the Head of the Civil Service and the Permanent Secretary on these strategic matters, as well as input from the First Minister and deputy First Minister.

## **High Street Task Force**

The Committee had input into the development and establishment of a High Street Task Force. The Committee was keen to ensure this was not seen as a post-Covid recovery measure, but a more deep-seated issue requiring a multi-faceted, holistic response. The Committee heard from stakeholders on how they imagine the Task Force operating and convened a concurrent meeting with the Committee for Finance and Committee for the Economy to look at the issue.

## **Violence against Women and Girls**

The Committee scrutinised the initial development of the programme to end violence against women and girls. This entailed hearing from the Head of the Civil Service and from the programme director on how this was to be brought forward. The Committee facilitated an online stakeholder event and heard from witnesses to add value to the consultation by the Department.

## **Legislation**

The Committee undertook one Committee Stage during the mandate.

## **Fair Employment (School Teachers) Bill**

The Fair Employment and Treatment (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 outlaws discrimination on the grounds of religious belief and political opinion in a number of areas including employment. Article 71 of the Order exempts school teachers from the legislation. The reason for this is to enable certain schools to maintain a religious ethos.

The Bill aims to remove the exemption for school teachers from the Order. The effect of this would be that schools employing teachers could not discriminate on the grounds of religious belief. This would have an impact on schools where aspects of religious observance, such as sacraments, are taught in school. This may also affect schools that need to discriminate to ensure a religious balance, such as integrated schools.



As the Bill was introduced to the Assembly on the 17 January 2022 the Committee agreed to issue a call for evidence ahead of the Committee Stage of the Bill.

The Committee agreed that that they had heard sufficient evidence on the Fair Employment (School Teachers) Bill and completed all components of the Committee Stage on 9 March 2022.

The Committee considered evidence from a number of witnesses and produced an extensive report exploring in detail the key issues.

[Read the Committee's report on Fair Employment \(School Teachers\) Bill.](#)

## **Secondary Legislation**

The Committee undertook scrutiny of the following secondary legislation:

- The Sex Discrimination Order 1976 (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018
- The Salaries (Public Services Ombudsman) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019
- The Historical Institutional Abuse Redress Board (Applications and Appeals) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2020
- The Census Order (Northern Ireland) 2020
- The Salaries (Public Services Ombudsman) Order (Northern Ireland) 2020
- The Travel Agents (Coronavirus, Financial Assistance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021
- The Public Services Ombudsman Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (Commencement) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021
- The proposed Departments (Transfer of Functions) (Appeals Service) Order (Northern Ireland) 2022

In the case of the Public Services Ombudsman (Northern Ireland) Act 2016 (Commencement) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021, the Committee was also required to approve a Statement of Principles for complaint handling and

introduce a motion for a resolution for their adoption by a resolution of the Assembly. This was moved on 18 January 2022.

In the case of the proposed Departments (Transfer of Functions) (Appeals Service) Order (Northern Ireland) 2022, the Committee were content with the Order however it was unable to be progressed following the resignation of the First Minister on 3 February 2022. This Order will be carried over for the successor Committee to consider.

## **Approach**

Following the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020, Stakeholder events were extremely limited due to Coronavirus restrictions.

In addition to formal meetings – for which key statistics are appended – the Committee undertook a number of other actions which are set out below.

### **Stakeholder events / informal meetings**

The Committee for the Executive Office met with the House of Commons Procedures Committee in Parliament Buildings on the 23 February 2022 where a number of issues regarding inter-governmental relations were discussed.

The Committee for the Executive Office sponsored the Commission for Victims and Survivors to hold a meeting in the Long Gallery on 18 January 2022 which was followed by informal engagement between Committee Members and Members of the Victims and Survivors Forum. The Committee found these informal exchanges to be most informative and influential in subsequent Committee decision-making.



**Committee for the Executive Office Members with Victims and Survivors Forum Members and Commission for Victims and Survivors staff.**

The Committee held an online stakeholder event on the 24 February 2022 to engage with stakeholder organisations on the proposed Domestic and Sexual Abuse Strategy and an Equally Safe Strategy to Tackle Violence Against Women and Girls.

The Committee engaged with 8 stakeholder organisations during the online event.

The Committee for the Executive Office held a number of informal meetings with victims and survivors of Historical Institutional Abuse to better understand their key issues. The Committee Chair and Deputy Chair met with Rosetta Trust and Survivors North West on 1st October 2020. A further meeting took place on 13 January 2021 with SAVIA, Rosetta Trust, Survivors North West, Survivors Together and Campaign by Survivors of Abuse. The Chair also met with Rosetta Trust at Parliament Buildings on 5 May 2021 to discuss outstanding issues relating to the redress process for survivors of historical institutional abuse.

These informal meetings aided the Committee to agree proposed actions to be taken forward by the Committee for the Executive Office.

The Committee for the Executive Office held an informal meeting with the Committee for Justice and the Victims Payment Board on 6 October 2021. The Victims Payment Board is an arm's length body of the Executive Office. Justice McAlinden gave an overview of the work of the Victims Payment Board and progress with the payments to victims.

The Committee for the Executive Office attended a virtual informal meeting with the House of Lords Constitution Committee on 4 November 2021 as part of the Committee's inquiry into the Future Governance of the UK. The Committee gave evidence on Inter-governmental relations and Inter-parliamentary relations.

The Chair of the Committee for the Executive Office attended an informal meeting with the House of Commons Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee on 22 November 2021 in Parliament Buildings, where a number of constitutional issues were discussed. These were primarily related to issues in relation to the operation of the Ireland/Northern Ireland Protocol, representation of the views and needs of Northern Ireland in EU-related discussions and the democratic deficit.



**The Chair and Deputy Chair of the Committee for the Executive Office and Committee Clerk with Members of the House of Commons Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee.**

The Chair and Deputy Chair of the Committee for the Executive Office attended a virtual meeting with the House of Lords EU Affairs Committee on 30 June 2020 to discuss the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland as part of its engagement with Northern Ireland Assembly Committees.

The Committee for the Executive Office met with the co-chairs of the European Parliament UK Coordination Group, Mr David McAllister MEP and Mr Bernd Lange MEP on 15 November 2021 in Parliament Buildings to discuss issues around EU Exit.

The Chair of the Committee for the Executive Office attended a meeting on 2 March 2021 between the Chairs of Assembly Statutory Committees and the House of Commons Northern Ireland Affairs Committee to discuss engagement and facilitate scrutiny of the Ireland/Northern Ireland Protocol. The parties met on 2 March 2021, 15 April 2021 and 27 May 2021.

## **Visits**

The Chair of the Committee for the Executive Office attended the launch of the Interparliamentary Forum (IPF) on 25 February 2022 at the House of Lords in London. The aim of the IPF is to facilitate dialogue and co-operation between the legislatures of the devolved nations and Westminster.

Members of the Scottish Parliament, Northern Ireland Assembly, House of Commons, House of Lords and the Welsh Senedd agreed priorities for the future work programme of the Forum.



**The Chair of the Committee for the Executive Office pictured with Members of the Interparliamentary Forum.**

Committee for the Executive Office visited Maze Long Kesh on 25 November 2021. Members were conducted on a tour of the site, including the hangars housing the Ulster Aviation Society, the prison site, the Balmoral Show grounds and the Eikon Exhibition Centre. This was followed by a presentation from the Chair of the Board of the Maze Long Kesh Development Corporation.



**Members of the Committee for the Executive Office: Emma Sheerin MLA, Trevor Lunn MLA and Chairperson Sinéad McLaughlin MLA pictured at the Ulster Aviation Society.**

The Committee for the Executive Office hosted the Seanad Special Select Committee on the Withdrawal of the UK from the EU on 20 October 2021 as part of its inquiry into Ireland’s preparedness for Brexit, to analyse its impact on the Irish economy and society, and to engage with stakeholders. The Committee published its final report in December 2021 which included the Committee for the Executive Office in its evidence gathering.



**Members of the Committee for the Executive Office with Members of the Seanad Special Select Committee on the Withdrawal of the UK from the EU.**

The Committee for the Executive Office hosted Lord Frost, Minister of State at the UK Cabinet Office (March – December 2021) on 9 July 2021 as part of its scrutiny of EU Exit matters. Lord Frost briefed Members on the workings of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland.



**Former Chair of the Committee for the Executive Office Colin McGrath pictured with Lord Frost Former Minister of State at the UK Cabinet Office.**

The Committee for the Executive Office also hosted the European Commission Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič virtually as part of its scrutiny of EU matters on the 28 June 2021 and 1 December 2021, respectively. Vice-President Šefčovič briefed Members on the workings of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland.

The Committee for the Executive Office attended a meeting with then EU Ambassador to the UK, Mr João Vale de Almeida on his visit to Parliament Buildings on 17th September 2020. This meeting facilitated discussion between the Ambassador and the Committee on the potential impacts of EU Exit on Northern Ireland.

The Chair of the Committee for the Executive Office accompanied by the Clerk, visited Washington DC from 9 March to 13 March 2020, to attend a number of St Patrick's Day events in the city.

While there, the Chairperson and Clerk took the opportunity to engage with others including the NI Bureau and officials from other jurisdictions on



international relations work; an issue in which the Committee has taken an interest.

## **External meetings**

The Committee held no external meetings during 2017 – 2022 mandate.

## **Tributes**

The Committee paid tribute to the late Christopher Stalford MLA who died on 19 February 2022 while a Member of the Committee.

## **Suggested Issues for the Successor Committee**

The Committee considered a number of issues which have yet to be formally concluded. These are discussed briefly below.

### **Programme for Government and New Decade New Approach**

The delay in the delivery of the Programme for Government due to the pandemic and its temporary supersession by the Covid Recovery Plan has meant that scrutiny of a comprehensive Programme for Government has not been possible. The successor Committee may wish to examine the post-Covid strategic policy environment, be that the draft Programme for Government framework consulted upon in 2021 or new proposals by the incoming Executive.

The successor Committee may also wish to establish the areas of the New Decade New Approach Agreement which have been delivered and the areas that are still to be implemented, such as language and identity structures.

### **Mother and Baby Homes**

The successor Committee may wish to consider monitoring the implementation of the recommendations of the report of the Truth Recovery Design Panel, particularly ensuring the sensitive and timely delivery of redress.

The successor Committee may also wish to consider, in conjunction with the Committee for Health, the issue of donation of bodies for anatomical study from mother and baby homes between 1937 and 1960 to Queen's University Belfast School of Medicine. In particular, that a thorough examination of this sensitive issue is undertaken for victims and survivors of mother and baby homes and that a public apology is given to the families of any victims and survivors who had bodies donated for anatomical study during this time.

### **Historical Institutional Abuse**

The successor Committee may wish to consider monitoring the implementation of the recommendations of the Hart inquiry into historical institutional abuse. In

particular, the review of the Redress process may produce recommendations to ensure an effective, accessible, victim-centred approach, and the consideration of an appropriate memorial may require further action. An official apology was made on 11 March 2022.

## **Tackling Violence against Women and Girls**

The successor Committee may wish to consider oversight of the Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy. This strategy is to be developed during 2022 through extensive stakeholder engagement and co-design. The possibility of yearly short term reviews in relation to this Strategy could be a suggestion the successor Committee may wish to consider.

## **Refugee Integration Strategy**

The draft Refugee Integration Strategy was published for consultation before the end of the mandate. The successor Committee may wish to consider examining the final strategy to ensure it is reflective of consultation responses and provides for the needs of refugees.

## **Inter-Governmental Relations and EU Affairs**

The successor Committee may wish to consider pursuing the inclusion of the views and needs of Northern Ireland in ongoing developments that have resulted from the UK withdrawal from the EU. This includes the evolution of new relations with the EU, negotiations on and monitoring of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland and the relationship between the jurisdictions of the UK. Due to the special circumstances created by UK withdrawal, the successor Committee may also wish to pursue broader relations north and south, east and west and with the institutions of the EU.

While the EU negotiator, Lord Frost, came before the Committee in 2021, the passing of this role to the Foreign Secretary has made attendance at the Committee more challenging. The successor Committee may wish to take up with renewed vigour the pursuit of UK Government representatives to brief the

Committee on UK-EU relations, particularly in relation to the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland.

## **Human Rights**

The development of the Dedicated Mechanism for the oversight of Article 2 of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland was at an early stage at the end of the mandate. The successor Committee may wish to examine the effectiveness and functionality of the mechanism, in particular, how the changes to EU and UK legislation are monitored for differential impacts on human rights standards.

## **Legacy of the Conflict**

The appointment of a Commissioner for Victims and Survivors (CVS) in February 2022 was welcomed by the Committee. The successor Committee may want to invite the new Commissioner to brief the Committee, once they take up post in May 2022, to discuss their plan of action for going forward with CVS and to address issues such as the appointment of new board members.

## **Maze Long Kesh Development Corporation**

As well as the Committee visiting the Maze Long Kesh Development Corporation it also heard from the Strategic Investment Board (SIB) on the proposed redevelopment of the site. The successor Committee may wish to consider a key area to be addressed for the progress of the site in regards to critical infrastructure such as roads and waste water treatment works.

## **Departmental Co-operation**

While co-operation between the Committee and the Department remained positive for most of the mandate, the resignation of the First Minister created a challenge for scrutiny whereby departmental officials were reluctant to attend the Committee without ministerial approval. While this reluctance is understandable, the Committee remains convinced that the absence of a Minister creates a greater need for engagement by officials with the Committee, but there was insufficient time in the mandate to formally compel officials to

attend. The successor Committee may wish to consider such an approach should a similar situation arise in the future.

## **Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme**

On 22 March 2022, the Northern Ireland Audit Office published a report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) Scheme. The successor Committee may wish to pursue recommendations in this report in relation to The Executive Office.

## **Legislation**

### **The Departments (Transfer of Functions) (Appeals Service) Order (Northern Ireland) 2022**

The Departments (Transfer of Functions) (Appeals Service) Order (Northern Ireland) 2022, subject to Affirmative Resolution was unable to be laid following the resignation of the First Minister on the 3 February 2022. This Order will transfer statutory responsibility for the Appeals Service and Rent Assessment Panel from the Department for Communities to the Department of Justice. The Committee wrote to the Committee for Justice and the Committee for Communities for their views on the proposed legislation. Both Committees responded to say that they are content with the proposal and the Committee for the Executive Office wrote to the Department to indicate the Committee was content with the proposal.

The successor Committee may wish to consider this Order upon its establishment.

## Appendix 1 – Committee for the Executive Office

The Committee has 9 members. The membership of the Committee throughout the current mandate was as follows:

- Ms Sinéad McLaughlin MLA (Chairperson)
- Mr John Stewart MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
- Mr Pádraig Delargy MLA
- Mr Alex Easton MLA
- Mr Trevor Lunn MLA
- Ms Diane Dodds MLA
- Mr Pat Sheehan MLA
- Ms Emma Sheerin MLA

<sup>1</sup> With effect from Monday 4 May 2020 Doug Beattie replaced Mike Nesbitt.

<sup>2</sup> With effect from Tuesday 1 June 2021 John Stewart replaced Doug Beattie.

<sup>3</sup> With effect from Monday 21 June 2021 Diane Dodds replaced Trevor Clarke.

<sup>4</sup> With effect from 27 September 2021 Pádraig Delargy replaced Martina Anderson.

<sup>5</sup> With effect from 27 September 2021 Alex Easton replaced George Robinson.

<sup>6</sup> With effect from 18 October 2021 Sinéad McLaughlin replaced Colin McGrath as Chairperson.

<sup>7</sup> With effect 19 February 2022 Christopher Stalford ceased to be a Member of the Committee and has not been replaced.

## Appendix 2 – Mandate facts and figures

### Committee meetings & visits

Session	Number of meetings held	Percentage minutes public / closed	Number of meetings held outside Parliament Buildings (inc. fully virtual)	Number of committee visits
2019/2020	21	Public – 93% Closed – 7%	0	0
2020/2021	38	Public – 93% Closed – 7%	21	0
2021/2022	26	Public – 99% Closed – 1%	2	1

\* Member attendance at Committee meetings is available [here](#)

### Committee Bill Reports

Session	Name of Bill	Committee report (Ordered to print)
2019/2020	N/A	N/A
2020/2021	N/A	N/A
2021/2022	Fair Employment (School Teachers) Bill	11/03/2022

### Committee Inquiries / Reviews / Micro inquiries

<b>Session</b>	<b>Name of report</b>	<b>Committee Report (ordered to print)</b>	<b>Date debated in Plenary (if applicable)</b>
2019/2020			
2020/2021			
2021/2022			

### **Committee Motions Debated in Plenary (excluding Inquiries / Reviews / Membership changes)**

<b>Session</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Date debated in Plenary</b>
2019/2020	That this Assembly notes the evidence from local councils to the Committee for the Executive Office in its 'Report on the evidence received from local councils on the impact of the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union' and calls on the First Minister and deputy First Minister to urge the UK Government to provide clarity on the implementation of the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland to allow local councils to prepare for the post-transition period.	15 December 2020



<b>Session</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Date debated in Plenary</b>
2020/2021	That this Assembly recognises the discontent of victims of historical institutional abuse with the redress process; further recognises that the delays, the impersonal nature of the judicial process, the disparity of awards, and re-traumatisation are posing difficulties for the victims of historical institutional abuse; and calls on the First and deputy First Minister to carry out a review of the redress process, which should be undertaken alongside the current process and should not in any way impede upon the operation of the process while the review is under way.	5 July 2021
2021/2022	That, in accordance with Section 35(2) of the Public Services Ombudsman Act (Northern Ireland) 2016, the draft statement of principles concerning complaints handling procedures laid before the Assembly on 6 December 2021, be approved.	18 January 2022

## Statutory Rules

<b>Session</b>	<b>Number agreed by Committee</b>
2019/2020	2
2020/2021	3
2021/2022	3

## Committee Reports (excluding Bill and Inquiry reports)

Session	Name of report	Date (date approved by Committee)	Date debated in Plenary (if appropriate)
2019/2020	Report on the evidence received from local councils on the impact of the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union	25/11/2020	15/12/2020
2020/2021	N/A	N/A	N/A
2021/2022	Committee for the Executive Office Legacy Report (2017-2022)	23/03/2022	N/A

## Witnesses

Session	Number of Organisations who gave evidence to the committee
2019/2020	7
2020/2021	51
2021/2022	44

## Appendix 3 - Expenditure for the period 1 September 2017 – 1 March 2022

<b>Budget area</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
Committee Travel - committee members and staff travel and subsistence in relation to visits and meetings outside Parliament Buildings	Includes costs relating to the: £4656.55 Chairperson's attendance at St Patrick's Day events in Washington D.C 2020 £862.58 Chairperson's attendance at Inter-Parliamentary Forum	£5519.13
Advertising	Includes the cost of press advertising relating to: Fair Employment School Teachers Bill February 2022	£1120.00
External Consultancy	Includes costs associated with committee use of external consultants to assist in consideration of legislation, inquiries, etc.	£0
General expenses	Cost of refreshments for committee meetings, committee events, working lunches, seminars, room hire, witness expenses, and conference fees for members etc.	£1619.02
<b>All budget areas</b>		<b>£8258.15</b>

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