

Business Committee

Meeting Venue: **Presiding Officer's office, 4th floor – Ty Hywel**

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 12 June 2012**

Meeting time: **08:30 – 08:50**

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Minutes:

Committee Members:

Rosemary Butler (Chair)
Jocelyn Davies
William Graham
Jane Hutt
Aled Roberts

Committee Staff:

Anna Daniel (Clerk)

Others in attendance:

Adrian Crompton, Director of Assembly Business
Sulafa Thomas, Head of Assembly Committees
Siân Wilkins, Head of Legislation and Chamber Services
Craig Stephenson, Principal Private Secretary to the Presiding Officer
Aled Elwyn Jones, Procedures Clerk
Peter Greening, Welsh Government
Sarah Canning, Welsh Government

1. Apologies & announcements

The Deputy Presiding Officer sent his apologies.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were noted by the Committee for publication.

3. Organisation of Business

3(i) This Week's Business

The Leader of the House informed the committee that the following statement would be made on Tuesday:

- Statement by the Minister for Local Government and Communities: The emergency response to the major flooding events in mid and north Wales (30 mins)

The Business Committee would be moving motions to change Labour's committee membership on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, Voting Time would be after the final item of business. On Wednesday, the Business Committee agreed that Voting Time would take place before the Short Debate.

The Business Committee noted that a temporary Deputy Presiding Officer or Chair would be required for Tuesday and Wednesday in the absence of the Deputy Presiding Officer.

3(ii) Three week timetable of Government Business

The Committee noted the 3 Week Timetable of Government Business.

3(iii) Three week timetable of Assembly Business

The Business Committee agreed to schedule the following item of business:

Wednesday 20 June 2012

- Motion to amend Standing Orders in relation to Private Bills and Miscellaneous Amendments (5 mins)

The Committee determined the organisation of Assembly Business.

4. Standing Orders

4(i) Procedures for dealing with UK laws that impact upon the powers of the Assembly or Welsh Ministers

The Business Committee considered the recommendations made by the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee in the report of its Inquiry into Powers Granted to Welsh Ministers in UK Laws. Business Managers agreed in principle to the recommendations relating to Assembly procedures.

In relation to Recommendation 11, Business Managers agreed in principle to look at how the temporary procedure agreed for consideration of Public Bodies Act Orders might be extended to cover subordinate legislation made by UK Ministers alone which falls within or affects the Assembly's competence, subject to a review of the temporary procedure.

4(ii) Private Bills and Miscellaneous Amendments: Draft Report

The Business Committee considered and approved a draft Report on changes to Standing Orders in relation to Private Bills and Miscellaneous Amendments. Business

Managers agree to table a motion to amend the Standing Orders for the Assembly's consideration on Wednesday 20 June 2012.

Other Business

Requests for Assembly Time

To accommodate all requests for Committee Report Debates towards the end of term, Business Managers agreed provisionally to reduce the length of all Committee Report Debates and the Opposition Debate on Wednesday 11 July from 60 to 45 minutes.

LCM for the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Bill

The Leader of the House advised Business Managers that, subject to Ministerial clearance, a paper on the Legislative Consent Motion Memorandum for the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Bill will be submitted for the committee's consideration on Tuesday 19th June.

Revitalising Wednesday Plenary Meetings

The Presiding Officer notified Business Managers of her intention to return to the proposals for revitalising Wednesday Plenary meetings next week.