

Business Committee

Minutes BC(3)24-08

Date: Tuesday 30 September 2008

Time: 8.30 a.m.

Venue: Meeting Room 4th Floor, Corporate Unit

Assembly Members in Attendance

Dafydd Elis-Thomas, Presiding Officer (Chair)

Carwyn Jones, Leader of the House

Jocelyn Davies, Plaid Cymru Business Manager

William Graham, Welsh Conservatives Business Manager

Kirsty Williams, Welsh Liberal Democrats Business Manager

Officials in Attendance

Adrian Crompton, Director of Assembly Business

Marion Stapleton, Office of the Leader of the House

Aled Eirug, Constitutional Consultant

Sulafa Halstead, Head of Committee Service

Marc Wyn Jones, Clerk of the Business Committee

1. Apologies & announcements

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

(i) BC(3)23-08 (Draft minutes) - Tuesday 23 September 2008

2.1 The minutes were presented to the Committee in their draft format. As there were no comments, they would be translated in readiness for publication.

Action: Business Committee Secretariat

3. Forthcoming Business

This Week's Business - BC(3)24-08(p1)

3.1 The Leader of the House said that the following changes would be made to business on Tuesday:

The statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services on the report of the Welsh Neuroscience External Expert Review Group would be issued as a written statement;

The debate on the Historic Environment had been postponed to 7 October; and

The Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills would be making a statement on Hyfrydle.

3.2 The Committee noted that there would be no Voting Time on Tuesday and that all votes in relation to the Learner Travel Measure would be taken during the debate.

3.3 The Committee noted that a motion to suspend Standing Orders would be tabled on Wednesday to bring forward motions to establish and elect a Local Government Measure Committee.

3.4 The Committee agreed to move Voting Time back to 5pm on Wednesday due to the changes to Plenary times.

3.5 The Presiding Officer asked Business Managers to remind Members that questions on the Business Statement should relate to the organisation of business.

3.6 The Committee noted the organisation of business for 30 September and 1 October 2008.

3 Week Timetable of Government Business - BC(3)24-08(p2)

3.7 The Committee noted the 3 Week Timetable of Government Business.

3 Week Timetable of Assembly and Non-Government Business - BC(3)23-08(p3)

3.8 The Committee agreed to schedule the following items of non-government business:

Debate on the Finance Committee's Report on the Foundation Phase on 8 Oct;

Debate on the Sustainability Committee's Report on Fuel Poverty on 8 Oct;

Stage 1 (Standing Order 23.28) Debate on the Proposed Healthy Eating in Schools (Wales) Measure 2008 on 15 Oct; and
Debate on the Enterprise and Learning Committee's Report on the Support for People with Dyslexia in Wales on 15 Oct.

3.9 The Committee determined the organisation of Assembly Business.

3.10 The Committee determined the organisation of non-government Business.

4. Standing Order 25 - Special Assembly Procedure

Update paper from the Legislation Office on the Special Assembly Procedure Committee (A40 Penblewin draft Order) - BC(3)24-08(p4)

4.1 The Committee noted the update paper on arrangements for the Standing Order 25 Committee hearing.

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