

Business Committee

Minutes BC(3)26-08

Date: Tuesday 14 October 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)25-08 (Draft minutes) - Tuesday 7 October 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

2.2 The Business Committee agreed on 7th October to invite Alun Davies and Janice Gregory to attend the Business Committee to discuss proposals for a Communications Committee. It was agreed that this should be postponed until after the Committee had considered the forthcoming paper on Permanent Committees, which would be circulated to Business Managers as soon as possible.

3. Forthcoming Business

This Week's Business - BC(3)26-08(p1)

3.1 The Leader of the House said that the Minister for Finance and Public Service Delivery would be making a statement on Icelandic Banks and the implications for Wales, in Plenary on Tuesday.

3.2 The Business Committee noted that a motion to suspend Standing Orders would be tabled on Tuesday to bring forward motions to establish and elect a Proposed Welsh Red Meat Industry LCO Committee.

3.3 The Committee agreed that Voting Time would take place no earlier than 5pm on Tuesday and Wednesday.

3.4 The Committee noted the organisation of business for 14 and 15 October 2008.

3 Week Timetable of Government Business - BC(3)26-08(p2)

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

3 Week Timetable of Assembly and Non-Government Business - BC(3)26-08(p3)

3.6 The Committee agreed to schedule a debate on the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales' Annual Report 2007/08 (30 mins) on 12 November.

3.7 William Graham said that the Welsh Conservatives had been allocated 90 and 105 minutes for debates on 22 October and 5 November respectively. He asked if Welsh Conservative debates could be allocated 60 minutes slots in future and asked if any remaining time could be reallocated to the Conservatives at an appropriate time.

3.8 The Committee determined the organisation of Assembly Business.

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

4. Legislation

Letter from the Chair of the Proposed Healthy Eating in Schools Measure Committee - BC(3)26-08(p4)

4.1 The Business Committee noted the report of the Proposed Healthy Eating in Schools Measure Committee.

5. Assembly Committees

5.1 The Business Committee noted that the Rural Development Sub Committee had cancelled its meeting on Monday 13th October because the Minister for Rural Affairs was unable to attend due to illness. The Committee agreed to rearrange the meeting for 4.30pm on Monday 20th October.

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