

Business Committee

Minutes BC(3)32-09

Date: Tuesday 1 December 2009

Time: 08.30

Venue: Meeting Room 4th Floor, Corporate Unit

Assembly Members in Attendance

Dafydd Elis-Thomas, Presiding Officer (Chair)

Carl Sargeant, Chief Whip

Jocelyn Davies, Plaid Cymru Business Manager

Alun Cairns, Welsh Conservatives Business Manager

Peter Black, 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

Sian Wilkins, Head of Legislation and Chamber Services

Sulafa Halstead, Head of Assembly Committees

Anna Daniel, Clerk of the Business Committee

Marc Wyn Jones, Chamber Services

1. Apologies & announcements

1.1 The Presiding Officer said that he had received apologies for absence from the Leader of the House, he welcomed Carl Sargeant who would be substituting for him in accordance with Standing Order 10.42.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

(i) BC(3)31-09 (Draft minutes) - Tuesday 24 November 2009

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)32-09(p1)

3.1 The Chief Whip said that the statement by the Deputy Minister for Housing on Homelessness scheduled for Tuesday would be postponed until 12 January 2010.

3.2 The Chief Whip said that the following statements would be made in Plenary:

Legislative Statement by the Deputy Minister for Housing on the National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Housing and Local Government) Order 2010, on Tuesday; and

Statement by the Minister for Health and Social Services on the Rural Health Plan on Wednesday.

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

3.4 The Committee noted the organisation of business for 1 and 2 December 2009.

3 Week Timetable of Government Business - BC(3)32-09(p2)

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

3 Week Timetable of Assembly and Non-Government Business - BC(3)32-09(p3)

3.6 The Committee determined the organisation of Assembly Business.

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

4. Legislation

Covering Paper from the Minister on the National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Housing and Local Government) Order 2010 - BC(3)32-09(p4a) Illustrative Timetable - BC(3)32-09(p4b)

4.1 The Business Committee considered a paper on the National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Housing and Local Government) Order 2010. The Committee agreed to refer the Order to Legislation Committee No.2 with a deadline to report of 29 January 2010.

5. Committees

Request from the Sustainability Committee to hold a formal Committee meeting on 11 January 2010 - BC(3)32-09(p5)

5.1 The Business Committee agreed the request for the Sustainability Committee to hold an additional meeting on Monday 11 January 2010 at 4.30pm for the purpose of scrutinising the National Policy Statements.

Request from the Rural Development Sub-Committee to hold a formal off-site meeting in Merthyr Tydfil - BC(3)32-09(p6)

5.2 The Business Committee agreed the request for the Rural Development Sub-Committee to visit St Merryn's abattoir in Merthyr Tydfil on Monday 25 January and then hold a formal meeting in the afternoon as part of its inquiry into Animal Welfare and Meat Hygiene at abattoirs in Wales.

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