

Business Committee

Minutes BC(3)13-08

Date: Tuesday 6 May 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

Siwan Davies, Head of Legislation and Chamber Services

Aled Eirug, Constitutional Consultant

Marc Wyn Jones, Clerk of the Business Committee

1. Apologies & announcements

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

(i) BC(3)12-08 (Draft minutes) - Tuesday 29 April 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)13-08(p1)

3.1 The Business Committee noted that the Stage 3 proceedings on the NHS Redress Measure would take place on Tuesday. The Chair said that Members had been sent a guide to assist them in preparing for the debate.

3.2 The Committee agreed that Voting Time would take place no earlier than 4.30pm on Wednesday for Assembly and non-government business.

3.3 The Committee noted the organisation of business for 6 and 7 May 2008.

3 Week Timetable of Government Business - BC(3)12-08(p2)

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

3 Week Timetable of Assembly and Non-Government Business - BC(3)12-08(p3)

3.5 The Committee determined the organisation of Assembly Business.

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

4. Legislation

Paper on The National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Housing) Order 2008 (previously entitled The National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (No.5) Order 2008) - BC(3)13-08(p4)

4.1 The Business Committee noted the paper on the revised Housing LCO, "The National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Housing) Order 2008" (previously entitled "The National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (No.5) Order 2008"). At its meeting on 8th April, the Business Committee agreed as a general principle that further committee scrutiny was not necessary in cases

where the version of the LCO presented to Parliament was different to that introduced in the Assembly as plenary consideration of the final draft provided the appropriate vehicle for any concerns to be expressed. The Business Committee therefore agreed that the revised LCO should not be referred back to the Proposed Affordable Housing LCO Committee for further consideration. The Committee also reiterated its view that the Presiding Officer should determine whether or not an LCO had undergone significant changes.

Paper on the Proposed Learner Travel (Wales) Measure - Options for Stage 2 consideration - BC(3)13-08(p5)

4.2 The Business Committee discussed the options for Stage 2 consideration of the Proposed Learner Travel Measure and agreed that it should be referred to a new Committee. The Chair said that the Committee would be established and elected in Plenary as soon as possible.

5. Assembly Committees

Request from the Petitions Committee to conduct a fact-finding visit - BC(3)13-08(p6)

5.1 The Business Committee considered the request from the Petitions Committee to visit the Old Merthyr Road and surrounding area on Thursday 8 May, to gather information in relation to a petition calling for a relief road to connect the Tafarnaubach industrial estate with the A465 near Tredegar. The Business Committee agreed the request.

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