

Business Committee

Minutes BC(3)12-08

Date: Tuesday 29 April 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

Marion Stapleton, Office of the Leader of the House

Marc Wyn Jones, Clerk of the Business Committee

1. Apologies & announcements

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

(i) BC(3)11-08 (Draft minutes) - Tuesday 22 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)12-08(p1)

3.1 The Business Committee discussed the proposed Learner Travel Measure and options for Stage 2 consideration of the Measure, subject to the general principles being agreed in Plenary on Tuesday. Members of the Committee noted that the Business Committee could refer the Proposed Measure to a new committee for Stage 2 proceedings, or by a motion in Plenary propose that Stage 2 proceedings be considered by a Committee of the Whole Assembly. The Committee asked for a paper providing more details on the implications of both options.

3.2 The Chair said that a motion to suspend Standing Orders would be tabled on Wednesday to bring forward motions to establish and elect a Proposed Healthy Eating in Schools Measure Committee.

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

3.4 The Committee noted the organisation of business for 29 and 30 April 2008.

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

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

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

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

A debate seeking the Assembly's leave to introduce a Member Proposed Measure for Youth Services on 14 May 2008.

A debate on the Sustainability Committee's Report on Household Carbon Reduction on 14 May 2008.

A debate on the Sustainability Committee's Report on Carbon Reduction from Transport on 21 May 2008.

A debate on the Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee's Report into Workforce Planning in the Health Service and Social Care on 21 May 2008.

3.7 The Committee determined the organisation of Assembly Business.

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

4. Assembly Committees

Request from the Communities and Culture Committee to visit Merthyr Tydfil and Wrexham - BC(3)12-08(p4)

4.1 The Committee considered the requests from the Communities and Culture Committee to meet in Merthyr College on Thursday 5th June and

at NEWI College in Wrexham on Thursday 3rd July, as part of its inquiry into domestic abuse. The Business Committee agreed the requests.

Request from the Broadcasting Committee to visit the University of Glamorgan in Cardiff and the House of Commons - BC(3)12-08(p5)

4.2 The Committee considered the requests from the Broadcasting Committee to visit the University of Glamorgan in Cardiff and the House of Commons, as part of its inquiry into public service broadcasting and the impact of digital switchover. The Business Committee agreed the requests in principle. The dates for the visits would be provided in due course.

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